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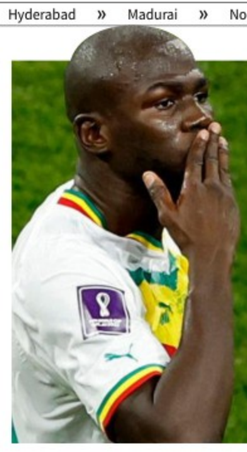

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AIIMS hacked

Patient wait: People seen waiting at AIIMS, Delhi as appointments and billing are handled manually. Computer servers at the institute are down after hackers targeted them six days ago. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Doubling court strength won't end pendency: SC

Judiciary is overburdened because of the system, says Chief Justice of India Chandrachud; he points out that it is already difficult to find good lawyers to fill judicial vacancies in High Courts

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that increasing the number of judges will not demolish the perennial problem of pendency, noting that it is already difficult finding good lawyers to accept the call to the Bench in High Courts.

The court said that a public interest litigation (PIL) petition seeking to "double" the number of judges in the High Courts and the district judiciary was a rather "simplistic" solution to arrears.

At one point, Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud asked petitioner-advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay whether he wanted the Supreme Court to increase its judicial strength to 70 from the current 34.

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>
> **D.Y. CHANDRACHUD,** Chief Justice of India

Mr. Upadhyay said that the judge-population ratio in developed countries was 50 for every million. Mr. Upadhyay said that there were at least 10 crore cases pending in the district judiciary alone.

"Then let me tell you something. This kind of petition will not be heard by the American Supreme Court. That is also the reality of our judicial system... that we have widened access to the Supreme Court to a point that is becoming dysfunctional. This petition will not be entertained by the U.S. or the U.K. Supreme Courts," Chief Justice Chandrachud reacted.

The Chief Justice said that the judiciary was "overburdened because of the system". He added, "If we apply the brakes, we will be absolutely clear of arrears."

"The American Supreme Court does not hear lawyers on whether you should admit a case for hearing. The U.K. Supreme Court decides which 180 cases they have to hear," the CJI observed orally.

Chief Justice Chandrachud recounted how, when he was the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, he had received a letter from the Law Minister to increase the judicial strength in the court by 25%. "I said 'good heavens, I cannot fill up my 160 and you want to increase from 160 by 25%'," the CJI said.

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Police hold joint meet over border dispute

BELAGAVI
Senior police officers from Karnataka and Maharashtra held a joint meeting in Nippani on Tuesday, in view of the hearing of the border dispute in the Supreme Court being listed for Wednesday. » PAGE 6

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SIA to get 25.1% in AI as part of Vistara merger deal with Tata

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Singapore Airlines will get a 25.1% stake in Air India and make an investment of ₹2,059 crore in the Tata-owned airline as part of an agreement to merge their joint venture Vistara with the larger Indian carrier.

The merger will allow the Tata group to consolidate the different airlines it owns under an enlarged Air India group. Earlier this month, Air India also fully bought out budget carrier AirAsia India from Malaysia's AirAsia Aviation Group and said it would combine it with AI's low-cost Air India Express unit.

Tata Sons purchased both Air India and Air India Express from the government in January.

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Nadav Lapid 'abused' invitation to IFFI panel: Israeli envoy

Kallol Bhattacherjee
Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

Filmmaker Nadav Lapid has "abused" Indian hospitality by referring to the film *The Kashmir Files* as "propaganda" and "vulgar", the Israel's Ambassador to India has said.

In an "open letter" to Mr. Lapid, the Israeli envoy, Naor Gilon, equated the film on the exile of the Pandit community from the Kashmir Valley with Steven Spielberg's Holocaust classic *Schindler's List* and urged the filmmaker to "justify" his criticism of the film.

"In Indian culture, they say that a guest is like God. You have abused in the worst way the Indian invitation to chair the panel of judges at @IFFIGoa as well as the trust, respect, and warm hospitality they have bestowed on you," Mr. Gilon said.

Naor Gilon

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Not 'that serious', says Minister on remark against Muslim student

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Commenting on the incident where a teacher at Manipal made an inflammatory remark while speaking to a student in class, Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh said it was not "that serious".

Speaking to the media on Tuesday about the case, Mr. Nagesh said, "It is unfortunate that this incident happened... But I don't think it is that serious... We ask a student 'Why do you behave like Ravana?' or 'Why do you behave like Shakuni?' many times. That does not create problems. But I don't know why only this is a big problem... I don't understand why some names become national issue."

Action initiated

The Minister went on to say that the government had "taken this case seriously" and action had been initiated against the teacher. "All that is done," he said.

At the Manipal Institute of Technology Engineering College in Udupi district, a teacher had made an inflammatory remark while talking to a Muslim student in the class.

In a viral video, the student was seen taking serious exception to the teacher's remarks. The teacher has since been debarred from taking classes, pending inquiry.

Betting for exotic meat, gambling dens in Manipur descend further into illegality

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Betting in parts of Manipur has literally gone wild.

Police and forest officials in the State's Ukhrul town have been scanning "gambling dens" following reports of wild animals – dead or alive – being offered as prizes for raffle draws.

Ukhrul is about 80 km northeast of the State capital Imphal. Wildlife activists based in the town said that there have been instances of people buying raffle draw tickets ranging from ₹100 to ₹500 to try their luck to win exotic meat. The larger or rarer the bird or animal or body part, the higher the price of the ticket.

"Such cases of gambling with a wildlife twist have been happening under the very noses of the authorities, particularly on a 5-km stretch where the Mini Secretariat is located," an activist said, declining to be named.

Wild wager: Binturong (or bearcat) is among several offerings of exotic meat at Ukhrul's gambling groups. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Some of these raffle draws and other forms of gambling are organised under the pretext of raising funds for some cause or the other, he added.

Apart from wild boars and deer, animals such as binturong (an arboreal mammal also known as bearcat), squirrels and flying foxes (bats) have been found to be on offer. Different types of birds such as the grey-sided thrush and tragopans (often called horned pheasants) have also been spotted.

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Civil aviation sector on a path to recovery from the pandemic

4 In lakh, the average number of passengers to travel by domestic flights for two consecutive days. The numbers stood at 4.09 lakh and 4.05 lakh passengers on November 27 and November 26. Domestic air traffic jumped nearly 27% last month compared to the year-ago period, indicating a recovery in the civil aviation sector, though it is yet to reach pre-COVID levels. PTI

The Bharatiya Janata Party, a favourite for corporate donations

163.54 In ₹ crore, the corporate donations received by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) which is nearly 94% of the total corporate donations received by four political parties in Gujarat in the five years from FY2016 to FY2021, according to a report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR). PTI

Cricketers ready to leave national contracts, says FICA

49 The percentage of international cricketers who are ready to reject their respective country's contracts to become freelance agents for the T20 leagues across the globe, the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA) stated in its annual report. The Indian players' body is not under FICA and thus their survey doesn't include Indian cricketers. PTI

Migrant worker deaths in Qatar; 'One death is a death too many'

500 The estimate of migrant worker deaths for the Qatar World Cup 2022, according to the secretary-general of Qatar's Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy. He said that, "One death is a death too many". Many human rights groups have claimed a death toll of more than 6,000 since the country was set to host the Cup. Agencies

Applications pour in to fill Maharashtra Police Department vacancies

11 In lakh, the number of applications received by the Maharashtra Police for 18,331 posts in the State Reserve Police Force, an official informed. Online applications were invited from November 9 till November 30 to apply for the jobs. High traffic caused the website to slow down, though the issues were rectified, he added. PTI

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On the entry of women in masjids

Why did the Jama Masjid in Delhi prohibit the entry of single women or women in groups inside the mosque premises? Did they later revoke the ban? What does the Quran say about entry of women worshippers inside masjids? What happened at the Haji Ali Dargah in Mumbai in 2011?

EXPLAINER

Ziya Us Salam

The story so far:

Last week, the Jama Masjid in Delhi prohibited the entry of single women or women in groups inside the mosque premises. The authorities reasoned that some women fail to respect the sanctity of the place of worship, making videos there. "When women come alone, they indulge in improper acts, shoot videos. The ban is to stop this," reasoned the Masjid's spokesman. The decision led to an uproar on social media. By early evening, the mosque management clarified that the ban excluded those women coming for worship, or those accompanied by their husband or families. However, many continued to question the unilateral decision of the authorities, forcing Delhi Lieutenant-Governor V.K. Saxena to step in to douse the ire. Following a meeting with the Lieutenant-Governor, the mosque authorities withdrew the ban. Imam Ahmed Bukhari clarified, "The masjid administration does not want to prevent anyone from worshipping inside." Incidentally, the Jama Masjid is otherwise one of the few mosques to allow women worshippers to offer regular prayers.

Entry for all: Women gathered at Jama Masjid offering prayers on the eve of Eid-Ul-Fitr on May 2.

What is the Islamic law on women's entry?

While there is a clear difference of opinion among Islamic scholars on the right of women to visit a dargah or a cemetery, there is lesser disagreement on a woman's right to offer prayers inside a masjid. Most Islamic scholars agree that a prayer can be offered at home but can only be established in a group, hence the importance of going to a mosque. Most also agree that women have been exempted, not prohibited from going to the mosque, keeping in mind their child-rearing and other domestic responsibilities. In fact, the Quran at no place prohibits women from going to mosques for prayers. For instance, verse 71 of Surah Taubah, says, "The believing men and women are protectors and helpers of each other. They (collaborate) to promote all that is good and oppose all that is evil; establish prayers and give charity, and obey Allah and His Messenger." Wherever the Quran talks of establishing prayer, it talks in gender neutral terms. Before the five daily prayers, a prayer call or azaan is pronounced. The azaan is a general invitation to both men and women for prayers, reminding the faithful, 'Come for prayer, come for success'.

Incidentally, when Muslims go to Mecca and Medina for Hajj and Umrah (lesser pilgrimage), both men and women pray at Haram Sharief in Mecca and Masjid-e-Nabavi in Medina. Both places have separate halls earmarked for men and women. Also, across West Asia there is no ban on women coming to the masjid for prayers. In the U.S. and Canada too, women access mosques for prayers, and even gather there for special Taraweeh prayers in Ramzan and lessons on religion. The denial of access to mosques for women worshippers is a largely subcontinental phenomenon. In India, only a handful of mosques maintained or owned by Jamaat-e-Islami and the Ahl-e-Hadith sect have provisions for women worshippers. Most mosques while not expressly forbidding women's entry in masjids, have no provision for women to do ablutions for prayer or a separate prayer zone for them. They are built keeping only men in mind. Under the circumstances, they are reduced to a 'men only' zone.

Have there been similar bans before?

The short-lived order of the Jama Masjid administration drew parallels with the much more prolonged ban on entry of women inside the sanctum sanctorum of the Haji Ali Dargah in Mumbai. Back in 2011, a grill was put up on the premises of the vastly popular 15th century dargah, prohibiting women from going beyond it. Following the 'this much and no further' order, some women approached the dargah management for redress. However, with the requests having been denied, they started a campaign, 'Haji Ali for All', winning over more women in the process. Led by the Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan, the women approached the Bombay High Court which ruled in their favour in 2016.

What is the legal issue?

According to the Constitution, there is complete equality between men and women. In the Haji Ali Dargah case too, the High Court quoted Articles 15, 16 and 25 of the Constitution to grant women the desired access to the dargah. There are petitions filed before the Supreme Court wherein access has been sought for women in all mosques across the country. The apex court has clubbed them with the Sabarimala case.

THE GIST

- Last week, the Jama Masjid in Delhi prohibited the entry of single women or women in groups inside the mosque premises. This decision led to major backlash, following which the mosque authorities withdrew the ban.
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What is the Karnataka voter data theft case?

How did the Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust acquire personal information of voters? Can the data be recovered?

Darshan Devaiah B. P.

The story so far:

On November 16, Bengaluru's civic body, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) said in a press release that it had cancelled permissions granted to the Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust to conduct house-to-house surveys to help create awareness about the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme. The NGO has been accused of collecting personal information from the public, under the guise of spreading awareness, by impersonating BBMP officials. The Congress-led Opposition has alleged that this was done in connivance with the ruling BJP government. The BJP has however, denied the allegations and launched a counter-attack alleging that the NGO was first given permission by the previous Congress government.

What is the voter data theft case?

In 2018, the Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust was granted permission to carry out house-to-house visits to create awareness on how to access online applications via the voters' helpline mobile app. On November 2, the BBMP revoked this permission after receiving several complaints from residents that the NGO was collecting personal details while conducting door-to-door surveys by deputing field level workers. The BBMP has admitted that the personal information of the voters, including Aadhaar number, phone number and voter ID number, was uploaded on an app (Digital Sameeksha) developed by the Trust and not on the Election Commission's voter registration app (Garuda) or voter helpline. The Opposition has accused the NGO of large-scale electoral fraud, malpractice and manipulation of voters' lists.

What has been the fallout?

The BBMP has registered two FIRs in Bengaluru against the NGO under sections 406 (criminal breach of trust), 419 (cheating by personation), 420 (cheating) and 468 (forgery) of the Indian Penal Code. On November 20, the police arrested Krishnappa Ravikumar, co-founder of the Chilume Trust, who had been absconding since the scandal broke out. The police has also arrested Kempegowda, one of the directors of the Trust and has detained the main software developer of the Digital Sameeksha app. Furthermore, notices have been issued to Revenue officials, who are in-charge of electoral roll revision and linking of Aadhaar card with electoral rolls. The police are also analysing the app to ascertain what data was collected and for whom it was meant. Electronic devices were recovered from the premises of the offices of the Trust in Malleswaram in west Bengaluru through which the police is attempting to recover the data which has potential for misuse.

What will happen to the data?

Such mass collection of data is violative of the fundamental right to privacy as defined in *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (retd.) vs Union of India*. The judgment formally recognised the right to privacy as being a fundamental right stemming from the right to life and personal liberty, guaranteed under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. The data which was collected by the NGO has potential for misuse, according to experts and election-watchers. Activist and electoral rolls analyst P.G. Bhat said that while a probe would act as deterrence, he was sceptical about data recovery. "Any number of copies of the data could be anywhere in the world on the cloud. It is practically impossible to prevent the data from falling into the hands of those who are ready to pay for it. Even before this scandal broke, there have been many improprieties carried out with data from the electoral rolls," he said.

THE GIST

- The Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust has been accused of collecting personal information from the public, under the guise of spreading awareness, by impersonating BBMP officials.
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BWSSB to organise water adalat tomorrow

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold water adalat on Thursday between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The adalat will be held at its following sub divisions: East 1-1, East 2-1, South East-1, South East 4, West-1-1, West 2-1, North West-1, North West 3, Central-1-1, North East 1, and North 1-1 sub divisions. It will be held to address the grievances connected to water billing, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections, delay in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic connection and other related problems. For any issues, regarding the water supply, consumers can contact helpline number 1916 and WhatsApp no. 8762228888. Consumers can also resolve their problems regarding water supply.

KVS National Children's Science Congress from Dec. 2

Kendriya Vidyalaya, DRDO, and Kendriya Vidyalaya, NAL, will jointly organise the 30th KVS National Children's Science Congress (NCSC), a three-day event from December 2 on the theme 'Understanding Ecosystem for Health and Well-being'. The inaugural event will be held on Kendriya Vidyalaya, DRDO, premises. According to a release, as many as 450 students from 25 KVS regions will participate in the event.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (November 30, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- On the entry of women in masjids
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Civic body to soon start survey of street vendors in city

According to the BBMP, the survey will help provide benefits to the community; street vendors unhappy about creation of separate zones

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After five years, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is planning to survey street vendors in the city. This time, the BBMP will use geographical information system-based applications to identify the vendors and the areas.

A senior BBMP official said that to notify the vendors' zone, the BBMP is coming up with the survey of street vendors.

"The survey will be conducted at the zonal level by zonal commissioners. Before conducting the survey, we will hold meetings with street vendors' associations, asking them to enrol their members for the survey," the official added.

The BBMP will use geographical information system-based applications to identify street vendors and the areas. FILE PHOTO

> The survey will be conducted by zonal commissioners. We will hold meetings with associations, asking them to enrol their members for the survey.
> BBMP official

To issue ID cards

The civic body that the survey is being carried out to provide benefits to the street vendors' community.

"The survey will also help BBMP to pass on the benefits of the civic body to the street vendors and to issue ID cards," he added.

The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, which provides for vending zones within the city, also stipulates that a town vending committee, with over 40% representation of street vendors, be formed, which will decide on vending zones.

Meanwhile, street vendors are not happy about the creation of separate vendors' zone by removing them from existing places.

S. Babu, president of Bengaluru Urban District Street Vendors' Federation, said: "It is illegal to create vending zones without discussing them with the town vending committees. The town vending committees, to be chaired by the Joint Commissioners of the zone, will have 10 street vendors elected as members (40% of the committee). These committees will demarcate vending and non-vending zones in the city and work for the welfare of the street vendors."

"By creating vending zones, the BBMP is planning to evict us illegally. The BBMP has to discuss the survey and create a vendor zone with the town vending committees first," he added.

Voter data 'theft': BBMP association says all SOPs followed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Officers and Employees' Association on Tuesday held a press conference and said that the BBMP officers, who have worked for Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities, have followed all the Standard operational procedures (SOPs) of the Election Commission.

A. Amruth Raj, president of the association, said multiple agencies were conducting investigations into the alleged scandal of voter data theft and revenue officers, especially those involved in SVEEP activities, have complained to the association alleging harassment by the investigation agencies.

'Hand over probe'

"All our officials have followed the SOPs properly. We request the government to hand over the investigation to one agency so that there will be no confusion," he added.

Two killed in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two motorcycle riders were killed when a speeding goods van collided with their bike near Lakshmipura gate on the outskirts of the city on Sunday.

Rakesh, 22, and Pratap, 28, from Balepura village, were returning home after meeting friends when the accident occurred.

Due to the impact of the hit, the bike got stuck under the truck and dragged for a few yards, killing the duo on the spot.

The van driver fled after abandoning the vehicle. The Vishwanathapura police are investigating.

Security guard arrested for stealing cash from ATM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Wilson Garden police on Monday arrested a 23-year-old security guard who had stolen ₹19.9 lakh from an ATM belonging to Union Bank of India situated on 13th Cross recently.

The accused had escaped with the cash and was hiding in a remote village in Assam after changing his SIM card, but the police managed to pin him down. According to the police, Dipankar planned to set up a hotel and construct a house to get married. To arrange the money for his plans, Dipankar started moving with the cash management team and noted down the PIN number to open the ATM.

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After the cash was deposited, he used the PIN to open it and escaped with the cash to his hometown.

Based on a complaint, a team went to his hometown and recovered ₹14.2 lakh, while the accused told the police that he had repaid a loan with the rest of the money.

Device that can convert any normal bed into step-down ICU to be deployed in 6 States

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Dozee, a contactless remote vital parameter monitoring (RPM) device that can convert any normal bed into a step-down ICU, will be deployed in six States.

Around 400 units of Dozee which has been developed by a city-based start-up, Turtle Shell Technologies Private Limited, will be deployed in public healthcare systems across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Sikkim.

According to the World Bank, ICU beds in India stand at only 1,25,000 for a population of 1.4 billion. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Aarogya Daksh scheme

This device is being deployed under the Aarogya Daksh scheme which is a joint initiative between Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) and SBI Foundation. Dozee is India's first contactless RPM device.

"With a 12 vital parameter read-out tracked through proprietary AI algorithms, Dozee sets up an efficient early warning system for vastly improved patient safety and critical care outcomes. The unit can not only increase ICU throughput but also save thousands of nursing hours and maximise triaging for resource poor, challenging settings such as pandemic situations," said C-CAMP, a Bengaluru-based innovation and technology hub supported by Government of India and Government of Karnataka.

C-CAMP CEO and drector, Taslimarif Saiyed said that according to the World Bank, hospital beds per 1,000 people in India was reported at only 0.53 in 2017 and the latest news reports state that ICU beds stand at only 125,000 for a population of 1.4 billion.

"By fostering a technology such as Dozee with Project Aarogya Daksh, we stand the potential to create a phenomenal societal impact," Dr. Saiyed said.

Gang abducts private firm staffer over financial row

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bommanahalli police are on the lookout for a gang that abducted a private firm employee to recover the loan borrowed by his father-in-law.

Rajashekhar was abducted from Garvebhavipalya. The gang then called his father-in law Lakshman Reddy from Rajashekhar's mobile phone, forcing him to pay the money online. The gang tortured Rajashekhar to pressurise Lakshman to pay up, police said.

₹5 lakh loan

Inquiries revealed that Lakshman had taken a loan of ₹5 lakh from a businessman, Swaroop Shetty. Lakshman only returned part of the money, and started avoiding Swaroop. Enraged by this, Swaroop roped in his associates to abduct Rajashekhar. The police are trying to track down the gang to rescue him.

Online cricket betting racket unearthed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Devanahalli police on Monday arrested a gang of seven running a cricket betting racket for the India-New Zealand cricket match from a dhaba on the outskirts of the city.

The accused Prashanth, Manjunath, Chethan, Jagadish, Vinod M., Vinod Kumar, and Charan were caught red-handed while they were busy receiving betting amount from punters online.

Money recovered

The police recovered ₹36,500 from the accused, while three of their associates escaped. Efforts are on to track them down, a police officer said. The police have seized their mobile phones and investigation in underway.

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Sri Krishna Diamonds & Jewellery

Mr. Sajjan Raj and Mr. Kishan Surana, the store partners, opened Sri Krishna Diamonds & Jewellery store on 8th November 2001 and recently celebrated their 21st anniversary! Sri Krishna Diamonds & Jewellery Huge multistory showroom carrying ethnic & contemporary jewelry, silver sculptures & antiques. They bring to you the best of traditional and classic collections of jewelleries. Sri Krishna Diamonds Jewellery is the choice that you must make if you are in search of a good jewellery store to get your bridal jewellery. They bring to you an exquisite range of jewellery which will definitely enhance your bridal look. They are specialized into gold, antique, diamond and silver jewellery. Victorian and temple jewellery is in trend now where every bride wants this for her lehenga. The designs cover the entire range from traditional close setting to modern designs.

Successful Clinical Trial of Amrith Noni D Plus

Amrith Noni D Plus under the guidance of Mrs Mangalambika Managing Director and Mr Narayan CEO of Omshree Marketing Solutions Pvt Ltd has made a major breakthrough in the world of diabetes by undergoing human trials with successful results. The study has certified that it does not cause any side effects and it has side benefits. It is a revolutionary discovery in the field of Ayurveda by Valyou Products. Dr AK Srinivasamurthy Managing Director and Mrs Ambujakshi A S Director of Valyou Products Pvt Ltd have been helping millions of people improve their health for the past 13 years. Realizing the importance of health, Amrith Noni manufactures high quality products using new technology under the guidance of doctors and researchers and the company has GMP and ISO certifications to its credit. Amrith Noni D-Plus, an elixir for millions of diabetes, was recently subjected to clinical trials with the aim of spreading the importance of healing effects of Ayurvedic regimen and Noni fruit. Based on the results of this study, Amrith Noni D-Plus has been proven be the best medicine for diabetes and diabetic-related health problems without any side effects. However, the organization thought of further researching the Amrith Noni D-Plus product. Thus, samples of Amrith Noni D-Plus product were given to Syncretic Clinical Services Private Limited, a research center licensed by the Government of India (CTRI registered). The results of the research conducted for the last six months are now received. According to the report, the Amrith Noni D-Plus product significantly reduced their blood sugar levels and brought them under control. However, what is brought out in this report is that HBA1C, FBS, PPBS and LIPID PROFILE were significantly reduced in those who took Amrith Noni D-Plus. In addition, there was a decrease in LOW DENSITY CHOLESTEROL (BAD CHOLESTEROL) and an increase in HIGH DENSITY CHOLESTEROL (GOOD CHOLESTEROL). Therefore, Amrith Noni D-Plus is very beneficial to the body. The CLINICAL TRIAL REGISTRY OF INDIA, Syncretic Research Lab report summary indicates that Amrith Noni D-Plus is not only effective, but is also very 'safe' for consumption. This will remain as a memorable moment for Amrith Noni which is continuously striving to meet the needs of its satisfied customers across the globe.

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ABSTRACT

A polling official, marks the finger of a woman with indelible ink before she casts her vote. AP

The lack of strategic voting: a study of Uttar Pradesh 2017 elections

Trying to find meaning in the Duverger's Law, the authors of this paper take a closer look at the types of voters and voting patterns in the State of Uttar Pradesh to understand mass electoral behaviour in the country

Rebecca Rose Varghese

Heath, O., & Ziegfeld, A., 'Why So Little Strategic Voting in India?', American Political Science Review, Vol 116, Issue 4, November 2022. Pp.1523-1529

Among the many studies conducted on electoral behaviour and voting patterns, Oliver Heath and Adam Ziegfeld's article 'Why So Little Strategic Voting in India?', looks at how despite the many theories on strategic voting, only 1% or less of voters from Uttar Pradesh, the largest State in the country in terms of population, engages in said voting method.

In 2017, State elections were conducted in U.P., with strong competition between the incumbent Samajwadi Party (SP), the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The study was conducted by the Indian survey firm Cicero, through a face-to-face survey in February and March 2017, after the 2017 State elections took place but before results were announced. About 3,600 respondents were selected from voter rolls, using a stratified random sampling method from 66 of U.P.'s 403 constituencies.

Duverger's Law and strategic voting

In *Political Parties*, French political scientist Maurice Duverger proposes a hypothesis about the relationship between the number of parties in a country and its electoral system. He explains that a simple majority single-ballot system, favours the two-party system, while in a simple-majority system with a second ballot or in proportional representation, a multi-party system is favoured. Thus, in single-member district plurality voting systems (SMDP) such as in U.P. where the candidate who gets more votes is declared the winner, a two-party system should be preferred. And ideally, strategic voting must take place, wherein a voter despite feeling close to a political party, votes for a different party, as they feel that the latter party has a better chance of winning. They are expected to strategise their votes, keeping aside their attachment to a party when they feel that their vote would be wasted because their party is unlikely to win in their constituency.

The authors explain that while many studies support this theory, their data revealed otherwise – that strategic voting was almost non-existent in the State. The reasoning given behind such an anomaly by political theorists like André Blais is that voters avoid engaging in strategic behaviour because of a sense of loyalty towards their preferred parties. This prevents them from voting for others. But even this argument is refuted by the authors in their analysis.

Types of voters

Before one understands the voting patterns of the electors in U.P. and the lack of strategic voting in the State, one must look at the different categories of voters that emerge in such an analysis which gives us a better understanding of the general electoral pattern. Among all the voters, there are two types of voters who cannot vote strategically – the 'unattached' voters who express no preference for a particular party and thus cannot vote strategically as they have no preferred party to abandon for strategic reasons; and 'constrained' voters who prefer a party that is not running in their constituency and thus do not have the option of remaining loyal to their preferred party.

Of the voters who can vote strategically, there are four sub-categories – the 'sincere' voter who will vote for their preferred party as they sincerely expect it to come in first or second in their constituency, having no reason to strategically abandon their preferred party; the 'expressive' voter who despite knowing that his preferred party might lose, will vote for them, for expressive and not instrumental purposes; the 'insincere' voter who for whatever reason, votes for a party other than their preferred party even though they believe that it will win the election; and finally the 'strategic' voter who believes that their preferred party is unlikely to win and thus, votes for another party who they believe will come in first or second in their constituency.

Data from the surveys revealed that close to 28% could not vote strategically as they were either unattached or constrained. A vast majority were sincere voters with the share of strategic voters limited to 1.1% and only 1.6% of the total voters who could vote strategically. The share of expressive voters was less than 0.5%. Thus, the lack of strategic voting can be attributed to the fact that voters sincerely believed that their preferred party would come first or second in their constituency and not their loyalty towards a party that is expected to lose. Of the 55 respondents who believed that their preferred party could lose, 41 (75%) voted strategically, which is higher than most estimates from other countries.

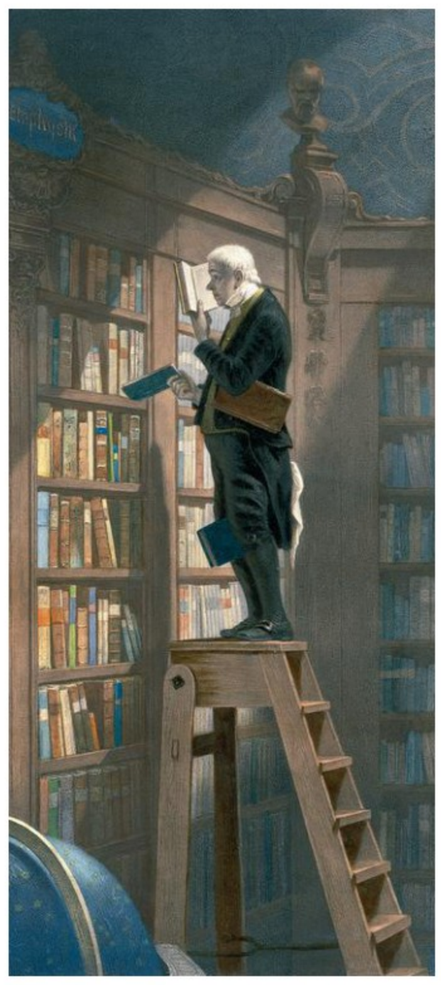
The need for political awareness

Allegiance to a party tends to distort the voter's belief about their party's ability to win in their constituency, dampening their concept of voting strategically. More than 90% of the respondents believed that their preferred parties were likely to win and did not think that their party was uncompetitive, though many of them were statistically proven wrong. This, being said, the voter's objective attitude towards party performance did come into play in the perception of the other parties' performances in the elections. They correlated the distance from contention and beliefs about election outcomes when it came to parties other than the ones they supported. The authors thus conclude that strategic voting was unlikely to affect the election outcomes, even though the voters in U.P. for instance, were willing to vote in accordance with the theory when they expected their preferred party to lose, proving that strategic voting is not a pressing factor that determines two-party election outcomes in the country.

While this phenomenon is relevant in U.P., it cannot claim to be a pan-Indian phenomenon. In attributing such voting patterns to the mass electoral behaviour in the country, the authors did not consider the range of political awareness and differences in voting cultures in different parts of the country. The authors point to the lack of public opinion polling or proxies for party viabilities, the volatility of party systems where there are no safe seats, the absence of electoral advantage to the incumbents, and the insufficiency of political information that could update the voter's beliefs and political preferences as possible explanations for lack of tactical voting patterns. But they miss out on how political strategies made by voters in a State are largely dependent on the level of literacy, political activism, and general political awareness of the people and how this, in turn, is influenced by the socio-economic and political history of the State.

In Tamil Nadu and Kerala for instance, people tactically vote for either of the two major political alliances, as smaller parties seem non-viable. Accordingly, the smaller regional parties also change their alliance every election season. In Kerala, the smaller regional parties or independent candidates are preferred during panchayat or general body elections, as they are trusted to bring about hyper-local change. During the State Assembly elections, the voters prefer to choose between the two strong alliances (the Left Front and the United Front) while also strategically alternating between the two in most electoral seasons. During the Lok Sabha elections, they prefer to vote for parties that they believe have the ability to form a strong alliance at the national level.

Examples of such strategies in different States are proof that strategic voting can only be followed when there is higher political awareness, which is not uniform across India.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Sir, can you say 'He emphasised on the point'?"

"No. You emphasise something, but you do not emphasise on something.

He emphasised the point that I made the other day.

He emphasised the importance of freedom from fear.

But you can lay emphasis on something.

He laid emphasis on integrity.

So you emphasise something but lay emphasis on something. The same applies to 'stress'. You stress a point but you lay stress on some point. But you do not stress on something.

He stressed the importance of character.

He laid stress on the importance of character.

In the word 'machine' the stress is on the second syllable.

Our emphasis should be on character and not mere achievements."

"Sir, Mrs. Jaya Nagarajan of Hyderabad wants to know how the words 'expedite' and 'expeditiously' are used."

" 'Expedite' means 'to speed up', 'to execute promptly', 'hasten some action or process'.

His rude remarks last month expedited his fall.

This expedites the flowering process.

You will be in trouble unless you expedite things.

You must expedite the despatch of food packets to the people affected by the floods.

'Expeditiously' means 'acting or done with speed and efficiency'.

The government must take expeditious measures to wipe out black money.

Please despatch the books expeditiously.

In American English 'expedite' is used occasionally to mean 'to send out or to despatch'.

'Please expedite the books' would mean 'Please despatch the books' in American English. The word expedite is from Latin ex, from + pedis, feet; it means to free a person's feet from fetters'."

"Ms. Nalini Mohan of Nellore wants to know the pronunciation of 'yacht', sir."

" 'Yacht' rhymes with 'lot', 'hot', 'cot'. The 'c' and 'h' in 'yacht' are silent."

"What is a 'yacht', sir?"

"A yacht is 'a light sailing-boat built specially for racing'. Let's stop here for the day. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

On November 30, 2018, George H. W. Bush, the 41st President of the United States passed away. Here is a quiz on U.S. Presidents

Sindhu Nagaraj

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1

Both these Presidents died on the same day. One was previously the nation's Vice President under the other, and the first United States Secretary of State under George Washington. Name both the Presidents.

QUESTION 2

This President was involved in a bribery scandal concerning oil leases. Name the President. What is the scandal called?

QUESTION 3

This was a series of violent civil confrontations in an organised incorporated territory of the U.S. that happened predominantly during the Presidency of James Buchanan. What is it called? These confrontations happened over which issue?

QUESTION 4

Name the play during which Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, was assassinated by a well-known stage actor. Name the theatre where the play was being staged.

QUESTION 5

This President had a nickname, for being a man of few words. Known for his response to the Boston Police Strike, he became the only president to have his portrait on a coin during his lifetime. Name the President and his nickname.

Visual question:

This is the artillery section of this President's Memorial seen on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. Identify the President. Looking at the image, what was he known for?

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This footballer was the coach of FC Barcelona when it won its fifth Champions League title. **Ans: Luis Enrique**

2. This former FC Barcelona president was shot dead by General Franco's troops. **Ans: Josep Sunyol**

3. This former player is famous for scouting and recruiting Lionel Messi to the club. **Ans: Carles Rexach**

4. This former player was part of the 1992 Champions League triumph for the club. This player was the only goal scorer in the final of the 1992 Champions League. **Ans: Pep Guardiola, Ronald Koeman**

5. This player played a record 55 consecutive unbeaten games between the 2010-11 and 2011-12 seasons. **Ans: Andres Iniesta**

Visual: This player represented three countries in international football. **Ans: Laszlo Kubala**

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Word of the day

Lampoon:
ridicule with satire

Synonyms: satirise, mockery, parody

Usage:
The writer often lampoons the ridiculous statements made by our politicians.

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COVID surge in China: Experts in State debate reintroduction of screening at airports

While some experts say this is an ideal scenario to restart screening, others say it is better to wait and watch

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

In the light of the ongoing COVID surge in China, is there a need to reintroduce screening of arriving international passengers at the airports? COVID experts in Karnataka have different views. While some feel this is an ideal scenario to restart screening at airports, some said it is better to wait and watch rather than take a knee-jerk reaction.

The State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that met last week discussed the international scenario and the Union Health Ministry's new guidelines for international arrivals relaxing all restrictions (issued on November 21). According to the new guidelines, all COVID restrictions have been relaxed with effect from November 22.

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'Take situation seriously'

Although the TAC has recommended that the State should endorse the Centre's guidelines relaxing the norms and issue a circular for implementation, a senior TAC member said the prevailing situation in China should be taken seriously. "Going by what is happening in China in the last three weeks, this is an ideal scenario for reintroducing screening and testing of symptomatic arriving international passengers at airports. But as this decision has to be taken by the Centre, the TAC cannot make a recommendation regarding this," he said.

> China's 'zero-COVID strategy' is interfering with the development of herd immunity there.
>
> **C.N. MANJUNATH,** COVID Clinical Experts Committee member

"It is important to make it mandatory that those directly arriving from China should carry a negative RTPCR certificate that is not older than 72 hours. This is an ideal recommended action. We have to be cautious going by past experience," the member, who did not want to be quoted, said.

Haleema Yezdani, a city-based telemedicine specialist, said airports are definitely a point of concern and there has to be vigilance and screening at the airports at this juncture. "Testing all symptomatic people, especially at the airport, who have a history of recent travel to any country, should begin. Although cases in India are much less now compared to last month, we should not let our guard down. This, mainly going by the past experience of how the virus originated in the Chinese city of Wuhan in late 2019 and spread to other countries," she said.

However, another TAC member V. Ravi and COVID Clinical Experts Committee member C.N. Manjunath said there is no need for a knee-jerk reaction.

"Reintroducing screening and testing at airports now will not serve any purpose. The situation is dynamic and evolving. We will have to wait and watch as the surge is not attributed to a new Variant of Concern (VoC). What we know is that the circulating variants are sub-lineages of Omicron that are not known to cause disease severity, large-scale hospitalisations and deaths," said Dr. Ravi, who heads the State's Genomic Surveillance Committee.

Pointing out that such restrictions may be required only if a new VoC is detected, Dr. Ravi said: "We have a very good immunisation record and serious infections and hospital admissions are virtually nil. Wearing a mask and ensuring that the remaining population is vaccinated is the solution."

Dr. Manjunath said the surge in China has been ongoing for several months. "Some African nations also reported a surge a few months ago but the situation there has become normal now. We have not heard of large-scale hospital admissions there. All economic activities have resumed across the world and we are also seeing lakhs attending the world cup in Doha," he said.

He pointed out that China's 'zero-COVID strategy' is only interfering with the development of herd immunity there.

Engineering aspirants say allotted seats cancelled without notice

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Some engineering seat aspirants have alleged that the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) cancelled the seats allotted to them without bringing it to their notice.

Many students and parents gathered near the KEA premises in Bengaluru on Tuesday demanding justice.

Some of these candidates have paid fees for the engineering seat allotted to them, which was later cancelled by the KEA without their notice, they alleged, adding that a majority of them have scored CET ranks above 3,000.

One of the engineering seat aspirants told *The Hindu*, "Both engineering and medical seats were allotted to me. But I had not surrendered the seat. However, the KEA has cancelled my engineering seat. Now I have no option than joining medical, but my family is not capable of paying such high fees. The KEA has even collected penalty of ₹10,000 from us and are denying seats."

However, Ramya. S, Executive Director of KEA said, "There are 15 candidates who tried to create some problems. These students selected choice 2 for engineering seat in the first round of CET counselling and appeared for the second round counselling, where they chose the engineering seat and paid the fee also. November 28 was the last date for reporting to the college. But they didn't report to the college or surrender the seats. However, again they tried to appear in the mop-up round. Parallelly, they are also participating in the NEET counselling for medical seats in first and second round. In the second round NEET counselling, medical seats costs around ₹ 30 to 40 lakh. They can't bear the fee for the medical seats and they don't want the medical seats."

"We have some rules that the candidates of medical seats allotted in the second round of the NEET counselling will not be allowed in the engineering mop up round. Now these candidates were blocked for the mop-up round counselling. These candidates are trying for engineering and medical both the seats. We will refund the fee for these candidates," she added.

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Black money: High Court sets aside notice issued to Embassy Group chairman

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
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The High Court of Karnataka has quashed a show-cause issued to Jitendra Virwani, chairman of Embassy Group, under the provisions of the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015. However, the court gave liberty to the authorities to issue fresh notice as per the law.

A Division Bench comprising Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar and Justice M.G. Uma passed the order while allowing an appeal filed by Mr. Virwani.

He had questioned a single judge's order of dismissing his petition, in which he had questioned the legality of the notice issued to him on August 11, 2021, by the authority constituted under the BM Act.

"The two transactions examined by us clearly show that the Income Tax Department has sent information without proper verification and the authorities under the BM Act have acted mechanically and sent the notice without application of mind," the Bench observed.

The I-T Department had initiated proceedings against him following the searches conducted in 2015. The I-T authorities had issued an assessment order under the I-T Act by treating the petitioner as a 'beneficial owner' of 'Romulus Assets Ltd. (RAL), a foreign company.

However, the I-T Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) had on July 30 set aside the assessment order while holding that assessing officer had not discharged the burden cast on him to prove that Mr. Virwani is the shareholder/beneficial owner of RAL, and had merely acted on a suspicion sans record on legal evidence to prove that he is the beneficial owner of RAL.

The Bench found that the I-T authorities had sent the information on Mr. Virwani's foreign assets to the BM authorities only on August 6, 2021, which was after the ITAT found fault with the findings of the I-T Department.

When the ITAT had found fault with findings of the I-T authorities, it is trite that the same aspect cannot be reopened in a parallel proceedings, the Bench said, while pointing out that "the dates of action lead to an inference that I-Tax Department sent the information hurriedly, immediately after disposal of case the ITAT, and the authority under BM Act has also acted hurriedly."

2 held for peddling drugs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Sampangiramanagar police on Monday arrested two people from Rajasthan and recovered two kg of opium worth ₹3 lakh from them. Kisan Das, 45, and Jagadish Singh, 53, were caught red-handed while they were waiting near RRMR circle to deliver the drugs to their clients, said the police.

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For Tender document & details, please visit "Tenders" link at Council's website **www.coa.gov.in**. The last date of receipt for Sealed Tenders complete in all respect is upto 15 Hours of **December 28, 2022**.

Registrar

New Delhi
November 30, 2022

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-TENDER

e-Tenders are invited from the eligible tenderers for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

Sl. No.	Name of work and Tender No.	EMD Amount Rs.	Availability of Tender Schedule	e-Bid Submission closing Date	e-Bid Opening Date
1.	Supply and delivery of 71 Nos of desilting machines (4wheeler) and 36 Nos of Jet rodding (2000 Ltr) as per relevant IS specification- Package-I (Under two cover system) Tender No: MAT/OT/050/2022	Rs. 16,88,000/-	01.12.2022 to 03.01.2023 up to 3.00 P.M	03.01.2023 up to 3.00 P.M	04.01.2023 at 3.30 p.m.
2.	Supply and delivery of High Pressure Jet rodding Hose on Annual Contract Basis for the year 2022-23 Tender No: MAT/OT/052/2022	Rs. 70,000/-	01.12.2022 to 15.12.2022 up to 3.00 P.M	15.12.2022 upto 3.00 p.m.	16.12.2022 at 3.30 p.m.
3.	EMD by online transfer only through NIC Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Tender document.				
4.	Availability of tender documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal / website: www.tntenders.gov.in For all other details refer tender schedule in the website from **01.12.2022.**				

DIPR/5298/Tender/2022

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Purchase Manager

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH

Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.

No: EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-1/39/2022-23 Dated: 28-11-2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For MLA Grants Works. The work details can be obtained from the e-Procurement Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 06-12-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** Further details can be obtained from Website at **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/3282/
Adverto/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that one of our client proposes to purchase the property described in the Schedule herein from **MR. P.R.RAMESH, currently Residing at: 5423 Melissa Ln, Dublin, CA 94568, USA** which he had purchased vide Sale Deed dated 30/04/1997, registered as Document No. 653/1997-98 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk.

Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any rights in the below mentioned property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with the supporting documentary evidence within **14 days** from the date of this publication. Claim received thereafter will not be binding on our client and client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential house on Old No. 8, Old HASB Khatha No. 980/1, presently new Khatha No. 980/1-D, measuring Eastern Side: 40'ft, Western Side: 44'ft, Northern Side: 30'ft, Southern Side 30'ft (i.e., 40+44/2 X30'ft., totally measuring 1260 Sq.Ft.,) situated at **Marathahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore** and bounded on:

East: Private Property bearing No.7; West: Private Property bearing No.9; North: Private Property; South: Road.

Duplex house constructed theron of 1283 Sqft.

Adv. Anupam Agarwal
Ramniwas Surajmal
(Advocates & Solicitors)
No. 506, 5th Floor, A Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001
anupam@rslegal.in M : 97406 45762
Date: 30/11/2022 Place: Bangalore

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2.	Certificate Course on Azure Administration (AZ-104)	10th, 11th, 17th, 17th, 24th & 25th Dec. 2022 Time : 9.30. am to 1.30 pm	Manager Azure Identities and Governance, Manage Azure AD Objects – Crate users and groups, Manage Licenses in Azure AD, Create admin units, Manager user and group properties, Manage Access Control – Create Custom RBAC, Interpret Access Assignments, Implement and Manage Storage, Generate SAS tokens and manage access keys. Configure Azure files and blob storage, Automated deployment of resources using ARM templates, Create and Configure VMs, Virtual Network, Vnets, Configure Azure DNS, NSG, Implement Azure Bastion, Configure Load Balancing, App gateway, Network Watcher toolset, Maintain and Monitor Azure Resources, Query and analyze logs, Configure monitoring of VMs, storage accounts, and networks by using VM insights, Implement backup and recovery, Create an Azure Recovery Services Vault, Create and configure backup policy, Configure and review backup reports, Site Recovery and many more, with Live Projects.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify General Public that, **Mr. J.Sudesh @ Jayaram Sudesh** S/o. K.B.Jayaram, Aged about 56 years Residing at No.33, 6th Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 560 003 is the owner of Schedule Property. It is represent by said **Mr. J.Sudesh @ Jayaram Sudesh,** the original previous title deeds pertaining to Schedule Property viz.,

1. Sale Deed dated 26.06.1987, registered as No.1131/87-88, Book-I, Vol.3990, Page 241-248, office of the Sub Registrar Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.
2. Deed of Rectification dated 08.04.1992, registered as No.1612/92-93, Book-I, Vol.4741, Pages 23-24, in the office of the Sub Registrar Bangalore North Taluk, on 18.06.1992.
3. Partition Deed dated 03.02.2001, registered as No.13160/2000-01, Book-I, Vol.6634, Pages 219-223, office of the Sub Registrar Bangalore North Taluk.
4. Partition Deed dated 01.03.2001, registered as No.14606/2000-01, Book-I, Vol.66679, Page 159-171, in the office of the Sub Registrar Bangalore North Taluk.

Mr. J.Sudesh @ Jayaram Sudesh had intended to create charge over the Schedule Property, in view of the above, anybody, who have any manner of right, title, charge, interest, claim over the Schedule Property or any objections in whatsoever manner for the creation of charge over the schedule property in favor of the said Bank may file their objections before the undersigned or with the said Bank within **Seven Days** from the date of publication, and if the undersigned or the said Bank, does not receive any objections from whomsoever in whatsoever manner then it shall be presumed that the said Property is free from encumbrances and obligations and Bank may proceed to grant finance, by creating charge against the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Eastern portion of Industrial Property bearing **Plot/Site No.1D,** presently having BBMP Katha No.166/Plot No.1D, Sy No.25 & 26, situated at **Peenya II Phase, Bangalore** measuring East to West (170 + 176)/2 ft., AND North to South (119 + 164)/2 ft., totally measuring **22972 Sq Ft.,** and the same is bounded by;

East : Road
West : J.Ramesh's Property
North : Road
South : 20 feet Road and K.Nandakumar' Property.

T.S.Ravi Kumar, Advocate
No.29, 3rd Temple Street, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560 003
e-mail:ravikumartsrk@gmail.com | Mob:8310539238

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

6th Floor, 2nd Stage, M.S. Building, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru - 560 001.

No: ED 81 UNE 2022 **Date: 25.11.2022**

Selection for First Vice-Chancellor of the newly constituted 7 Universities - Chamarajanagara, Bidar, Haveri, Hassan,Kodagu, Koppal and Bagalkote.

Invitation of Application for the post of **FIRST VICE-CHANCELLOR,** of the newly constituted 7 Universities - Chamarajanagara, Bidar, Haveri, Hassan, Kodagu, Koppal and Bagalkote as per Section 14(4) of 10th provision of the Karnataka State Universities Act, 2000.

The Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka, invites Application for the post of Vice-Chancellor of the newly constituted 7 Universities - Chamarajanagara, Bidar, Haveri, Hassan, Kodagu, Koppal and Bagalkote. The Application should be submitted within Twenty days (20) from the date of publication of this notification. The detailed application form and further details are available on Higher Education Department website: **https://hed.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Principal Secretary to Government
Education Department (Higher Education)

DIPR/CP/3271/22-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

NO.: SEE/TWM/SMG/EE(O)/AEEE-1/2022-23/F-/6030-35 Date: 28.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders through e-Procurement mode against INDENT No.: **KPTCL/2022-23/IND2162/CALL-2** for **Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of C-Type Wedge Clamps suitable for different sizes required for replacement of age old bolted type connectors at various substations coming under Talaguppa Division in Tr(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Shivamogga, conforming to our Technical Specifications, F.O.R.D. at Store/site basis, including Insurance and transportation.**

For detailed information and to participate in the tender through e-procurement mode please visit our website **https://kptcl. karnataka.gov.in** hyperlink "e-procurement" or directly you can access the tendering website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 11.00 AM on 30.11.2022**. Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.),
Transmission(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Shanta Mansion,
1st floor, Gandhinagar, Shivamogga
Telefax : 08182-272624

Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No-6/13/1, 10th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560072.
Telephone: 080-22282220 e-Mail: kredlmd@gmail.com

NO: KREDL/SG/992/2022-23 Date: 29.11.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Type of Bidding: National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
Mode of Bidding: Open tender, Single stage two envelope

Competitive Bidding

The Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL), Government of Karnataka undertaking hereby invites bids for selection of Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contractor for Design, Engineering, Supply, Construction, Erection, Testing, Commissioning and O&M of 2 MW $_{AC}$ Solar PV Power Plant with 4.5 MWhr Battery Energy Storage System having 12 years Plant O&M at Pavagada Ultra Mega Solar Park of Tumakuru District in Karnataka. Bid documents will be available in the e-procurement portal **"www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in" on or after 03.12.2022.** This Notification is also available at website: **"www.kredl.karnataka.gov.in"**

Note: KREDL reserves the right to annul the bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons. Any further modifications will only be notified in e-portal, GoK & KREDL websites only.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-69) (Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
O.S. NO. 4041 of 2020

Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. by its Area Debt Manager : Sri. Santosh A Kulkani, Aged Major, S/o. Anant A. Kulkarni

Defendant :
Mr. V.G. Pugal Vendan, Aged about 32 years, S/o. Mr. Govindaraj, Residing at No. 23, Flat No. 1002, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, 26th Main Road, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560 076.

Summons/ Notice to defendant

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Directing the defendant to pay a sum of **Rs. 4,48,638/- (Rupees Four Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Eight Only)** together with future interest at **12.50%,** you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 4th day of January, 2023 to answer the same, failing which the suit/ application will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on **18th November, 2022.**

By Order of the Hon. Court
Assistant Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bangaluru

Sd/-
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate for Plaintiff,
No.60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051

PUBLIC NOTICE

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TATA ELXSI (INDIA) LTD
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I **P.Shiyam Sundar Palur** residing at No:45/16,Devar Street,Villivakkam, Chennai- 49, the registered holder(s) of the under mentioned shares held in the above said Company, hereby give notice that the Certificate(s) in respect of the said shares have been lost and I have applied to the Company for issue of duplicate certificate(s). Any person having claim in respect of the Company at its above referred address within 15 days from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate(s) and no further claim will be entertained by the Company thereafter.

Folio NO : EXP0000692
Certificate No : 155759
Distinctive Nos : 21048951 to 21049050
No of Shares : 100 Only

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 20)
O.S. NO.26108/2017

Between:

M/s.RBL Bank Limited, Interalai having its branch office at Koramangala Branch, No.631, 3rd Cross Road, 100 feet Road, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560001. Represented by its Authorised Officer **Mr.Rajesh Kumar A.**

... Plaintiff

And

M/s. Glomac Retail Fixtures India Private Ltd & Others ... Defendant

SUMMONS

1) **M/s. Glomac Retail Fixtures India Private Limited,** No.22/1, Jetty Palya, Off: Magadi Main Road, Tava, Chennenahalli Village, Bangalore-562130. Represented by its Director **Mr. Swaminathan G**
2) **Mr. Swaminathan G,** Aged Major, No.105/106, Anu Plaza, Ramachandrapura Main Road, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097.
3) **Mrs.Sukanya Swaminathan,** Aged Major, No.105/106, Anu Plaza, Ramachandrapura Main Road, Vidyaranyapura,Bangalore-560097.

Whereas, The above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a Sum of **Rs.4,50,896.25 (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Six Paise Twenty Five Only)** apart from future interest of 19.00% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26108/2017** and same is pending adjudication in CCH 20, **Before Addl City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.**

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **10th Day of January, 2023 at 11.00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 22nd day of November 2022.

Sd/- Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
Bengaluru-560001.

FX & CO., Advocates,
New No.9, Old No.11/1,
Gover Road, Cox Town,
Bengaluru-560005.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, VIKAS Ashok Pandya, S/O. Ashok Jatashankar Pandya, R/O. F.No 302, 1st Block, Anu Palace, Bel Lyt,Vidyaranyapura, Blr–97, have changed name to Vikas Pandya vide afdvt dtd 23/11/22

I, SARDAR Shariff Rahmathulla Shariff Akbar, S/o Akbar Shariff residing at No.1245, 2nd Cross, Ambedkar Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, R T Nagar, Bengaluru-560032 Karnataka have changed my name to Sardar Shariff vide affidavit dated 19/11/2022 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

WE, SAQIB Pasha Chand Pasha and Sadia Tazeen parents of Shayaan Pasha Saqib residing at No. 24, 1st Cross, Rankanagar, New Kavalbyrasandra, R T Nagar, Bengaluru-560032 have changed the name of our minor son to Shayaan Malik Pasha Saqib vide affidavit dated 29/11/2022 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

I, AZMATH Khan Hamid Khan, S/o Hamid Khan residing at No. 552/11, 6th Cross, SRK Garden, Thilak Nagar, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041 Karnataka have changed my name to Azmath Khan vide affidavit dated 19/11/2022 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

I, SIDDAPPA. K G, S/o Gangaiah, R/ at No.141, Kathihosahalli Koligere, Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural-561204, have changed my name from Siddappa K G to Siddaraju vide affidavit dated 13/11/2022 before Notary K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXVII CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-38)
G & W C. NO. 7 / 2020

1. SMT. FARZEEN TAJ, W/o Late Sri Syed Aleem, Aged about 32 years,
2. Baby SYED BAREERA, D/o Late Sri. Syed Aleem, aged about 5 years,
Petitioner No. 2 Represented by : Mother & Natural Guardian SMT. FARZEEN TAJ, W/o Late Sri. Syed Aleem,
Both Petitioners are residing at : No.105 /C3 Block, 1st Floor, KPWD Quarters, 80 feet Road, Koramangala, Near Passport Office, Vivek Nagar, Bangalore-47. **...PETITIONERS**

V/S

NIL ..RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioners have made a Petition to the Hon'ble Court (CCH-38), City Civil Court Unit, under section 10 of the Guardian and wards Act, Seeking for issue of Guardianship Certificate in favour of the Petitioner No.2 Sri. Syed Aleem was working as a Second Division Assistant, in the Office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Bangalore, holding PPO Account No.1418KC508914 and petitioner No.2 is the minor Daughter of Late. Syed Aleem, the minor daughter is under the care and custody of her natural guardian, i.e., mother herein the Petitioner No.1 and **release the DCRG of Rs. 3,16,800/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Only)** and Family **Pension of Rs.13200/- (Rupees Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Only) per month from 23-05-2018 to 22-05-2025 and Rs. 8,500/- (Rupees Eight Thousand Five Hundred Only) per month from 23-05-2025 onwards till death or remarriage** whichever is earlier and a sum of **Rs.1,58,400/-(Rupees One Lakh Fifty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred only) has been withheld from DCRG for want of LPC/NDC clarification noted overleaf.**

Any person having their objections for the issuance of the guardian certificate in favor of the petitioner and any person having interest may cause the same by appearing before the court in person or through their advocate on this **13-12-2022 at 11.00 AM** failing, which the matter will be heard and disposed of in accordance with law.

Given under my hand & Seal of this **Court this 12th day, October 2022.**

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

CHANDRA MOHAN K,
Office :No.7, 1st Floor, AKS Building, Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka- 560-9064.

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(e-Procurment mode only)

No. CEE/TRZ/SEE(O)/AEE3/22-23/8892-95 Date: 24.11.2022

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry No.: **KPTCL/CEE/TKR/TZ/CEP-235/Dtd.: 29.11.2022**, for Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of 66KV Control and Relay Panels required for replacement of age old C&R panels in various 66KV and 110KV Sub-Stations coming under Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Tumkur.

The bids will be received through E-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging into e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** click on hyperlink **'e-procurement-KPTCL'**. on or after **29.11.2022**. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy.,
Transmission Zone, KPTCL,
1st Floor, Siddaganga Complex, B.H. Road, Tumakuru - 572102.

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ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ, ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ರವರು, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 4701– ಭದ್ರಾ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಡಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ **ದಿ: 29/11/2022 ರಿಂದ** ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು **ದಿ: 08/12/2022 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30** ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **05/12/2022** ರಂದು 5.30 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09/12/2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಘಂಟೆ**. ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ :– 6 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳು. **(1) Construction of CC road in old Kadlebalu village in Davanagere Taluk** -ರೂ 70.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು **(2) Construction of CC road in Putagnal village in Davanagere Taluk** - ರೂ 60.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು **(3) Construction of CC road in Nagarakatte village in Davanagere Taluk** - ರೂ 60.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು **(4) Construction of CC road from Kakkaragolla to Arasapura road in Kakkaragolla village in Davanagere Taluk** - ರೂ 60.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು **(5) Construction of CC road from Kakkaragolla-Kondajji main road to Arasapura road through Aldi Shantappa's land in Kakkaragolla village in Davanagere Taluk** - ರೂ 55.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು **(6) Construction of CC road from P. Umesh's land to B.S Girish's land in Old Baathi village in Davanagere Taluk** – ರೂ 55.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು .

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No. KSIC/PD/ST-Ties/01/2022-23 Date: 29.11.2022

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The Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited has formulated a scheme under section 67 of the Electricity Act 2003 and the same is herewith published in pursuance of section 67(2)(C) of the said act for information to the public. Particulars of the scheme are as follows.

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Child safety precautions to be part of school books

Safety of children in school is our main concern, and creating awareness among students, parents, and teachers about POCSO Act is very important, said DPI Commissioner Vishal R.

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A circular has been issued to form child care committees in all schools, and make it mandatory to write the child helpline number: 1098 on all school walls across the State. FILE PHOTO

The child helpline number, good and bad touch, and other such aspects will be a part of school textbooks for the academic year of 2023-24 as the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has ordered to effectively implement the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO)-2012 in schools in the State.

This is following the recent recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of Karnataka, after reviewing the POCSO Act and after the arrest of Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, seer and chief of Murugha Mutt in Chitradurga, on charges of allegedly sexually harassing minor girls who were residents of the hostel run by the mutt, and a minor girl's rape and murder by her tutor at Malavalli town, Mandya district.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Vishal R., Commissioner of DPI, said: "Safety of students in schools is our main concern. The POCSO Act exists. Creating awareness among students, parents, and teachers about the Act is very important. Therefore, we decided to print the child helpline, good touch, bad touch, and other child care precautions, in the school textbooks." "We have also decided to print tips such as on washing hands and good health. It will be helpful to the students. We have already instructed the Karnataka Text Books Society to print these precautions in the school textbooks for the academic year of 2023-24," the Commissioner explained.

The Commissioner has issued a circular to form the child care committees in all schools and made it mandatory to write the child helpline number: 1098 on all school walls across the State. He also instructed schools that complaint and suggestion boxes should be opened once a week to address those received. The department has asked all schools to teach children about safe and unsafe touch, according to their age.

The circular also made child rights' club and parents' meeting mandatory. Teachers and other staff must reach the schools half an hour before commencement of the school. The attendance of students has to be taken during entry and lunch break, and entry of unauthorised persons on school premises should be restricted, the department said.

'Academic council, Syndicate meetings will be live streamed'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Higher Education C.N. Ashwath Narayan said on Tuesday that the academic council, finance committee, and Syndicate meetings of universities will be live streamed to marked Good Governance Month in December.

Addressing a press conference, he said that various programmes have been planned in the three departments which he heads as the Minister.

In the past years, December 25 was celebrated as 'Good Governance Day ' to commemorate late Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee's birthday. However, this year, it has been decided to observe all of December as 'Good Governance Month' in the departments of Higher Education, Electronics/ IT-BT/ and Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood. He added Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai would inaugurate the programmes on December 1.

"Aiming to bring in more transparency in the university administration system, live streaming of academic council, finance committee and syndicate meetings would be initiated. Once implemented, this would continue as a regular phenomenon. The live streaming will be through social media platforms," he explained.

"Universities have also been instructed to upload all the information on their websites by December 10. This is applicable to affiliate and constituent colleges also. In case of constituent colleges not having their website, they need to upload the information on the university website," he added.

The Minister also said websites should have all the information, including student fee, funds sanctioned, ongoing projects, details of teaching and non- teaching staff.

INBRIEF

188 students awarded degrees at NIMHANS graduation day

A total of 188 students (including in-absentia) were on Tuesday awarded various UG degrees and certificates on successful completion of their academic programmes at the 9th graduation ceremony at NIMHANS. These included 78 B.Sc. (Nursing) students, six B.Sc. (Anaesthesia Technology) students, 10 B.Sc. (Radiography) students, 44 students in Post-Basic Diploma in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing, nine Post-Basic Diploma in Neuro Sciences Nursing, 40 Post-Basic B.Sc. in Nursing and Certificate Course in Neuropathology Technology. Three students received special awards and prizes for their meritorious performance. By securing the highest marks in Microbiology, Melbi Mathews bagged two awards.

Japan Film and Music Festival to be held from December 9

Japan Foundation, to mark the 70th year of diplomatic relations between India and Japan, will organise the finale of the Japan Film and Music Festival, a three-day event, from December 9. The inaugural ceremony will be held on December 9 at 7.30 p.m. The second and third day's programme will be held between 11 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. and 11 a.m. and 8.30 p.m., respectively. The festival will feature recorded concerts by RADWIMPS, one of Japan's leading rock bands, followed by screenings of animated movies by animator and filmmaker Makoto Shinkai. The event will be held at PVR Orion Mall. Tickets will be available at PVR Cinemas and on bookmyshow.

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Centre stops pre-matric scholarship for SC, ST, OBC, and minority students of Class 1 to 8

Jayanth R.
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RTE Act, 2009, makes it obligatory for the government to provide free and compulsory elementary education to every child. GETTY IMAGES

The Union government has stopped pre-matric scholarships for students from class 1 to 8 belonging Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Other Backward Community (OBC) and minority communities from the academic year 2022-23.

The government explained that these students are covered under the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, which makes it obligatory for the government to provide free and compulsory elementary education (classes 1 to 8) to each and every child. "Only students in classes 9 and 10 are now covered under the pre-metric scholarship scheme," the government has said.

In a pre-matric scholarship, the Centre and State governments share the financial burden in the ratio of 75:25. A student is eligible if parental income from all sources does not exceed ₹2.50 lakh per annum.

Earlier, it was provided for class 1 to 10 students of SC and OBC communities under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, for ST students under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and minority community under Ministry of Minority Affairs.

The amount was ₹225 per month for day scholars and ₹525 per month for hostel residents for a period of 10 months in a year. Books and ad hoc grant for day scholars was ₹750 and ₹1,000 for hostel residents.

Crores of students had applied for the scholarship this year too. However, the applications of students from class 1 to 8 have been rejected by the Ministry.

The Union Government has sent notices to all States and Union Territories that Institute Nodal Officer (INO), District Nodal Officer (DNO), State Nodal Officer (SNO) may verify applications only for classes 9 and 10.

People working in the education sector and parents have opposed the move of the Union Government. V.P. Niranjanaradhya, development educationist, called it an 'unfortunate move' and emphasised the need to incentivise children from these communities to enter the educational mainstream. "Free uniform, textbooks, cycle, shoes, and scholarships are incentives for poor children coming from SC/ST/backward classes and minority communities to encourage enrolment, attend classes and complete elementary education," he told *The Hindu*.

'Regressive step'

Riyaz Ahmed from Centre for Educational Research and Analysis (CERA) called it an 'attempt to curtail their (children's) rights and thereby diluting their fundamental right'. "RTE is a fundamental right. However, pre-matric scholarship is a government scheme for students' educational upliftment. The Union Government's move will result in more non-enrolment and dropouts at the elementary stage. It is a regressive step in terms of affirmative action."

Role of gig workers in job economy is significant: Premji

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Wipro founder Azim Premji at an event organised by Karnataka Employers' Association on Tuesday.

The role of gig workers has been gaining importance as they infuse flexibility and talent availability in the job market, said Azim Premji, founder of Wipro Limited and chairman, Azim Premji Foundation.

Speaking at an event organised by Karnataka Employers' Association (KEA) here on Tuesday, he said the experiences of companies with gig workers proved that they ensured flexibility, productivity as well as talent availability.

He said: "For an economy to work well and be vibrant, we have to build a culture and system which sees firms and their employees as partners." Such a partnership was critical, he said, adding, "In reality, this is the way for businesses to be successful and prosperous. But too many times we have seen both employers and employees taking opposite positions." Mr. Premji said leadership has a significant role to play in resolving issues by avoiding confrontations.

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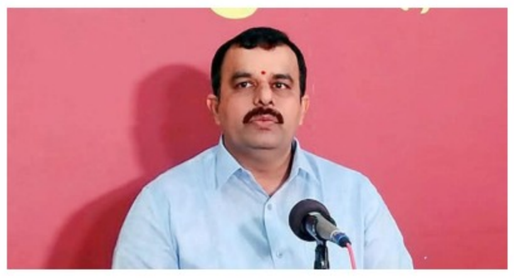
Global TV channels asked to dub programmes in Kannada



The Karnataka government has urged the Centre to use its good offices to convince global knowledge-based TV channels such as Animal Planet, BBC Earth, National Geographic and others to produce diverse programmes in Kannada for the benefit of the people of the State.

In a letter to Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur, Kannada and Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar said TV channels such as Animal Planet, BBC Earth, National Geographic and others have been dubbing programmes in Telugu, Tamil, Hindi and other regional languages but not in Kannada, though Kannada is 2,000 years old and declared as a classical language.

By not dubbing or producing programmes in Kannada, the Kannada-speaking people have been denied global knowledge of the environment, wildlife and other diverse cultures of the world, he said. Keeping in mind the demand of Kannadigas both within the State and outside, Mr. Kumar urged the Union Minister to use his good offices to convince the channels concerned to dub programmes in Kannada.

IAF training command commanders' conference

The two-day Training Command Commanders' conference will commence on December 1. It will be attended by Commanders of various training establishments under Training Command. It coincides with important ongoing activities, including the intake of 'Agniveervayu' scheduled to commence from December 30.

Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari, Chief of the Air Staff, will address the Commanders on December 2 and discuss the areas requiring impetus in IAF training methodologies.

Police hold joint meet to ensure peace

Final hearing on border dispute listed in Supreme Court for today

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

ADGP (Law and Order) Alok Kumar speaking to commuters at Kuganholi check-post in Belagavi district on Tuesday. P.K. BADIGER

Senior police officers from Karnataka and Maharashtra held a joint meeting in Nippani on Tuesday, in view of the hearing of the Karnataka-Maharashtra border dispute in the Supreme Court being listed for Wednesday.

ADGP (Law and Order) Alok Kumar, IGPs of Belagavi and Kolhapur, SPs of Belagavi, Kolhapur, Sindhudurg and Deputy SPs from Belagavi and Savantwadi were present.

They discussed various challenges in maintaining law and order in the border districts and exchanged information about deputing police officers and staff along the border, especially in areas with history of violence.

Buses across border

They pointed out that over 600 State-owned buses operate across the border daily, of which around 400 were KSRTC buses. Officers were asked to ensure safety of the buses, staff and commuters.

Vigil at 21 border check posts is to be hiked by police of both States, they said and officers were told to keep an eye on trouble makers of various groups on both states.

Mr. Kumar told journalists in Nippani, "Police of both States will work together to make sure that no individual or group creates any law and order disturbance, following the developments on Wednesday."

Safety assured

Mr. Kumar also visited Belagavi city and held meeting with senior officers. He greeted drivers and conductors of Maharashtra State Road Transport buses with flowers and assured them of safe passage into Belagavi district.

He also visited the Suvarna Soudha, where Legislature session is set to begin on December 19.

Issues related to the proposed visit of Maharashtra Ministers Chandrakant Patil and Shambhuraj Desai, tasked with resolving the border issue, to Belagavi on December 3 were also discussed. They are supposed to hold talks with Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti leaders and express solidarity with their agitation to join Maharashtra.

Raut summoned

Another topic that came up during discussion was the issue of summons by a local court to Sanjay Raut, Shiv Sena (UT faction) MP, in connection with a hate speech concerning the border dispute. The party spokesperson has been asked to appear before the JMFC court in Belagavi on December 1.

Mr. Kumar later told journalists that the police would not tolerate any disruptive activities by any group. "For the police, maintenance of law and order is paramount. We will treat members of all groups – whether MES or any other group – equally strictly. There is no bar to any protest or demonstration that is peaceful. However, any violation of the law by anyone, will not be tolerated," he said.

Karnataka's stand on border issue justified, says Bommai

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai meeting Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday expressed confidence about a "good outcome" in the Karnataka-Maharashtra border case and asserted that as per the State's Reorganisation Act, 1956, the State's stand is justified.

Mr. Bommai is in the national capital and held discussions with senior advocate in the State's legal panel Mukul Rohatgi in the wake of the case being listed to come up before the apex court for hearing on Wednesday.

Maintainability of case

Speaking to reporters after meeting Mr. Rohatgi in Delhi, Mr. Bommai said, the important thing is the maintainability of Maharashtra's case.

"In 2017, the then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Deepak Mishra had framed preliminary issues regarding the maintainability of the case, which was challenged by Maharashtra. What should be our objections or arguments to it has been decided, and we are confident that as per the State's Reorganisation Act, 1956, Karnataka's stand is justified," he added.

The border row between two States dates back to the reorganisation of States on linguistic lines. Maharashtra laid claim to Belagavi which was part of the erstwhile Bombay Presidency as it has a sizable Marathi-speaking population. It also laid claim to 80 Marathi-speaking villages which are currently part of Karnataka.

Responding to a question on damages caused to Karnataka's vehicles in Maharashtra during the last couple of days, the CM said, such things have happened earlier too.

"I had asked our Home Secretary and Chief Secretary to speak to their counterparts in Maharashtra to control such things and now it is controlled to an extent," he said.

On a question to people of more than 42 villages of Jat taluk in Maharashtra, wanting to meet him, with a demand to merge their areas with Karnataka, Mr. Bommai said any decision on this would be taken only after consulting all political parties in the State and legal experts. "The issue is before the Supreme Court, so it has to be decided on after consulting all political parties and legal experts," he said.

'Political statement'

Responding to a statement by Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, in which he questioned why the villages cannot be included in Karnataka, as desired by the people there, Mr. Bommai said it was a "political statement."

"When Siddaramaiah was Chief Minister, a similar resolution was made. Why did he not act then? Things have to be considered legally. Everything has to be done within the legal framework," Mr. Bommai said.

The Chief Minster met several Union Ministers later in the day including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Environment Minister Bhupesh Yadav.

Notice to NGO founder over claims of bribe to withdraw from case against Murugha Mutt seer

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Founder of NGO Odanadi Seva Samsthe M.L. Parashuram has been served notice by the Chitradurga police over his reported claim that he was offered a bribe of ₹3 crore to withdraw from the sexual abuse case registered against Murugha Mutt seer Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru.

The notice dated November 28, 2022, served by the Deputy Superintendent of Police of Chitradurga district, who is also the investigating officer, to Mr. Parashuram referred to his recent statement in the media that Odanadi Seva Samsthe had been lured with an offer of ₹3 crore to withdraw from the case against the seer.

The notice asked Mr. Parashuram to appear before the Deputy Superintendent of Police, with relevant evidence at 11 a.m. on Tuesday and give a statement.

Mr. Parashuram, however, sought an excuse from personal appearance. In reply, he said he had already been asked by the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) of Mysuru to participate in a meeting it had convened to discuss the issues related to victims on Wednesday. He said he had also spoken to the officer and informed him about the backache he faces during long-distance travel. Since his participation in the meeting convened by the CWC in Mysuru as well as his presence before the investigating officer in Chitradurga were both important, Mr. Parashuram, in reply to the notice, sought an alternative date from the police for personal appearance. But, in the event his presence before him was urgent, Mr. Parashuram urged the police officer to give him an opportunity to make his statement through either a WhatsApp call or via Google Meet. Or, the police officer can even come to Mysuru to obtain his statement, he added.

In view of the life threat he was facing in connection with the case, Mr. Parashuram said he was ready to give his statement in this regard before a Magistrate under Section 164 of the Cr.PC. He urged the police officer to ensure that an appropriate place with appropriate security be provided for him while making the statement.

History-sheeter 'Silent' Sunil will not join party, says BJP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced on Friday that BJP will not induct history-sheeter 'Silent' Sunil into the party. Party president Nalin Kumar Kateel also announced this in a tweet.

Following a barrage of criticism by the Opposition Congress, after the rowdy was seen with BJP leaders at an event and rumours of him joining party started doing the rounds, the Chief Minister had earlier in the day asked Congress to count the number of rowdy sheeters among its own rank and file.

"How many rowdy sheeters are there in Congress?" Chief Minister had asked, speaking to reporters in Delhi, when asked about the incident. BJP Karnataka tweeted alleging KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar was once an associate of notorious rowdy Kotwal Ramachandra and was "promoted as party president from Tihar Jail."

Opposition Congress, however, continued its attack. Priyank Kharge, spokesperson, Karnataka Congress, said BJP was "sabotaging the morale of the State's police force by creating a situation where police would end up having to salute to a wanted rowdy sheeter." The party in a series of tweets on Tuesday, taunted the BJP for seeming to induct history sheeters into the party. "As if 40% commission is not enough, BJP seems keen on hafta vasooli as well and inducting rowdies for the same," said one tweet. "BJP may soon create a rowdy morcha," said another.

Why only point fingers?

At Mysuru, when his attention was drawn to Mr. Bommai's defence of the BJP leaders and his claim that even Congress had leaders against whom history sheets had been opened, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the BJP, particularly Mr. Bommai, was suffering from a "disease" of pointing a finger at the Congress for all their faults. "Talk about your faults first," he said.

Eventually, the BJP sprung into damage control mode. Mr. Kateel tweeted out a statement that the party will never induct 'Silent' Sunil.

Minutes later Mr. Bommai also tweeted that his statement earlier in the day shouldn't be construed wrongly and that BJP will never tolerate rowdy-sheeters and Silent Sunil will not be inducted into the party.

Biopic on Siddaramaiah?

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Shivamogga on Tuesday said some people had approached him about plans of a biopic on him. There had been rumours that some of his "admirers", under the leadership of former Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, were planning on a biopic.

Stating that nothing was finalised, he said, "Some people had come from Kanakagiri constituency saying they want to do a film. I don't know much."

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED that, Smt. SUKANYA, W/o. Kemparaju, residing at Tattekere Village and Post, Hanagudu Hobli, Hunsuru Taluk, Mysore District - 571 105, intends to purchase the residential Site bearing No.4 carved out under Sy.No.20/3, Gramtana No.203 of Karivabanahalli Village, Yeshwanthprua Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently within the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, which is more fully detailed in the schedule hereunder from one Sri.Gangabyre Gowda S/o.Sri.C.Andanaiah, R/at. House No.428/2, 5th Main Road, 7th Cross, Jagadeesh Nagar, Munibachappa colony, Thippasandra post, Bangalore, who claims to be the absolute owner of the schedule site. Therefore, any person/s claiming any rights, title or interest in respect of schedule property may lodge their claim/objections with the undersigned within SEVEN DAYS from the date of this publication, failing which, we shall proceed to purchase the site, treating that there are no claims by any person/s in respect of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece & parcel of the residential site bearing No.4,carved out under Sy.No.20/3, Gramtana No.203 of Karivabanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, within the limits of B.B.M.P. measuring East to West:30-00 feet and North to South:50-00 feet and bounded on East by: Site No.5, West by: Site No.3, North by: Private Property and South by: Road.

Bangalore,
Dated: 30-11-2022

Address of the purchaser
Smt. SUKANYA,
W/o. Kemparaju,
Tattekere Village & Post,.
Hanagudu Hobli,. Hunsuru Taluk,.
Mysore District - 571 105
Mob. No 98804 - 19121

T.S CO-OPERATIVE OILSEEDS GROWERS' FEDERATION LTD.
9th Floor, Parisrama Bhavan, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad-500004 (TS).
TEL No: 040-23235501/02.. E-mail: tsoilfed@gmail.com

P&P/APPT/PLANT EXP 60-90TPH/610/2022-23 Dt:28.11.2022

E-TENDER NOTICE

TSOILFED, Hyderabad invites E-tenders from potential and reputed Manufacturers/ Suppliers/ Distributors/Dealers for the **"Design, Supply, Fabrication, Erection & Commissioning of 60 TPH to 90 TPH expansion of FFB processing plant with vertical sterilization system on turnkey basis"** at Oil Palm Processing Plant, Apparaopet, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, Telangana. **NOTE: (1)** Publish of e-tender on **30.11.2022 at 3:00 PM,** Pre bid meeting **19.12.2022 at 03:30 PM** & Last Date for uploading e tenders **24.12.2022 at 3:00 PM. (2)** All Details related to EMD & Tender Document will be available in e-Tender Website : **https://tender.telangana.gov.in**

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE SEEDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
D.No. 4-150, Prasadampadu, Ramavarappadu Post, Vijayawada - 521108.

No.APSSDC/PROD/P.Material/Tenders/11/07/2022-23 Dt: 29.11.2022

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited from the reputed registered Manufacturers for supply of Seeds packing material i.e. DWTC, HDPE, Non-woven bags and Labels to APSSDCL units located in various districts of the AP State. Last date for submission of Bid is **07.12.2022, 01:00 PM** through **https:tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** e-procurement platform. For further details logon to website **www.apseeds.ap.gov.in**

Sd/- V.C. & MANAGING DIRECTOR

Government of Odisha
"e" procurement Notice No-08
PH. No. 0674–2540603,
E-mail Id: senhcnorth_bbsr@rediffmail.com
Identification No. 08/CCE NH, NORTHERN of 2022-23

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Value of Work (₹)	Class of Contractor	Period of completion (in calendar months)	Last date / Time for receipt of bids	Date of opening of tender	Name and address of the officer inviting tender
01	Improvement of Major Junction at Km.239/700 on NH-57 in the District of Nayagarh for the year 2022-23 under Urban Link.	1,44,24,298.00	'B' & 'A'	06 (Six)	15.12.2022 upto 17.30 hours.	17.12.2022 AT 11.30 A.M.	Chief Construction Engineer, Northern NH Circle, Unit-IX (Flat), BBSR - 22.

02. Further details can be seen from the "e" procurement **website www.tendersodisha.gov.in** with effect **from 01.12.2022.**
03. Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender if required shall be hosted in the aforesaid website only.
04. The authority reserves the right to cancel the bid without assigning any reason thereof.

b-30: Chief Construction Engineer, Northern NH Circle, BBSR.
OIPR-34010/11/0005/2223

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH E-TENDER
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

e-bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

Sl. No.	Name of work and Tender No.	Bid Security	Prebid meeting Date	e-Bid Submission closing Date	e-Bid Opening Date
1.	Enlargement of Sewer Collection System and Providing Lift Stations in Thousand lights Constituency in Area IX. CNT/SEW/NCB/AMRUT- 2.0/I&A/007/2022-23	Rs. 9.87 lakhs	16.12.2022 at 11.30 a.m.	03.01.2023 upto 3.00 p.m.	04.01.2023 after 3.30 p.m.
2.	Design, Engineering, Procurement and Construction including Hydraulic Testing, Satisfactory Trials and Commissioning of 5MLD Capacity Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) based on Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) Technology followed by Ultra Filtration Technology complete at Villivakkam, Chennai city on DBO basis including O&M for 7 years. CNT/SEW/NCB/Singara Chennai 2.0/001/2022-23	Rs. 6.83 lakhs	14.12.2022 at 11.30 a.m.	05.01.2023 upto 3.00 p.m.	06.01.2023 after 3.30 p.m.
3.	EMD by online transfer only through NIC Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Bid document.				
4.	Availability of Bid documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal / website: www.tntenders.gov.in For all other details refer Bid documents in the website from **01.12.2022** for Sl.No.1 & **06.12.2022** for Sl.No.2 respectively.				

DIPR/5297/Tender/2022
"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (Contracts & Monitoring)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client, Mr.BRIJESH SINGH son of Sri. Bhim Singh is desirous/intends to purchase the immovable property more fully described in the SCHEDULE hereto and herein after referred to as Schedule Property from Dr.Jaiprakash.G (Owner) son of Sri.Govindappa N, Residing at No.415, Marasandra, Mathrushree Nilaya, DoddaTumkur Road, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-561203 who has represented to our client that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property, with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same and in this regard my client has entered into an Agreement of Sale (Regd) on 21-11-2022, with the above Owner for Valuable consideration in respect of Schedule Property.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/ institution other than the owner, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Property or their objections if any, to the aforementioned sale transaction. The said claims or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections so as to reach us to the address given below with in the period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Public notice and If no such claims or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the owner has/ have in any manner have right, title, interest or claim/s what so ever in respect of the Schedule Property and our client would be at liberty to proceed with the Sale Deed transaction in connection with the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of House bearing No.554, BBMP PID NO.554 - LIG (Old PID No.004-W0087-20), having BBMP katha No.271/554 – LIG, in I Phase, "B" Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently coming under BBMP limits in Ward No.4 (Yelahanka Satellite Town), comprising of 6 Squares of RCC Roofed House, with structures/ building constructed thereon, measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 35 Feet, total measuring 1750 Square Feet and bounded on: East by: House No.565; West by: Road; North by: House No.553, and South by: House No.555.

Sd/- Mr. Jeevanth.T &
Mr. Suraj Kote
JS Law Associates, Advocates No.64/1, 1st Floor, SM Plaza, Dr. DVG Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004.
Mobile: 8880345588/ 9900767867
Date: 30.11.2022 Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my clients intend to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner **Mr.Inder Chand Sand,** son of Mr.Karani Dan Sand, residing at K-703, SNN Raj Lakeview Apartment, 29th Main, N.S. Palya Main Road, BTM Layout, Second Stage, Bengaluru-560076, he having acquired title to the same under a Sale Deed dated 22.10.2020 registered as Document No. 3466/20-21 in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru.

All persons/firm/companies/financial institutions having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim ,within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim, of any party, shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and my clients will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential **Apartment bearing No.C3-182,** presently bearing new BBMP **Municipal Khatha No.82/559/FI No.C3-182, 18th FI,** with **Four (4) Bedrooms** on the **18th Floor** of **'C3 Block'** of **"SNN RAJ ETTERNIA"** Apartments, constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, having **3265 Square Feet** of Super Built up together with **Two Covered** Car Parking Spaces bearing **Nos.B1298 & B1-298A** with proportionate share in all the common areas along with **1005 sq. ft** undivided share in the property bearing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Municipal Katha No. 82/147/2, 147/1, 147/1, 147/1, 146/1, 144, 145, 145/1, 146/1 (BBMP Ward No. 191) situated at Harlur Sarjapura Road, Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on:

On the East by : Road
On the West by : Property owned by M/s. SNN Properties LLP in Sy No. 141/3 & Private Property;
On the North by : Hosa Road
On the South by : Property owned by M/s. SNN Properties LLP in Sy No. 152/1 & Lake.

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038

Place: Bengaluru Date: 29.11.2022

Major drama: Y.S. Sharmila seated inside of her car while it is being towed by the police on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Police detain YSRTP chief, tow her car as she is seated inside

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad City Police on Tuesday detained YSR Telangana Party (YSRTP) chief Y.S. Sharmila who called for gheraoing the Pragati Bhavan, the Chief Minister's camp office at Panjagutta, to protest against the developments during her padayatra in Warangal on Monday.

Ms. Sharmila, along with a large number of supporters, assembled at the Pragati Bhavan. While several supporters were detained by the police outside the Bhavan, Ms. Sharmila, who drove the same SUV that was vandalised by TRS activists in Warangal, remained seated behind the wheel and locked herself from the inside.

Tensions prevail

The police made several attempts to get her out of the vehicle, but she remained firm. Officials then pressed a tow truck, tied and pulled the SUV all the way till SR Nagar police station, about four kilometres away on the route. Tension prevailed at the police station too as several activists gathered to protest.

Ms. Sharmila was detained at Lingagiri village under Chennaraopeta mandal in Warangal (rural) district and shifted her to Narsampet on Monday.

Ms. Sharmila, during her padayatra, had come down heavily on local MLA P. Sudarshan Reddy and questioned his source of income. Her caravan was set on fire and her SUV was vandalised, allegedly by TRS activists as a reaction to her remarks.

Ms. Sharmila, daughter of former Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh, late Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and sister of current A.P. Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, undertook the *Praja Prasthanam* Padayatra which has, crossed the 3,500 km mark, spreading across 75 Assembly segments in Telangana, the party said.

(With PTI inputs)

HC upholds V-C appointment made by Kerala Governor

Court dismisses State government's plea against appointment made by Arif Mohammed Khan in his capacity as Chancellor of university, says that the new V-C was duly qualified for the post

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Tuesday upheld the appointment of Ciza Thomas as Vice-Chancellor in-charge of APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University.

Dismissing a petition filed by the Kerala government challenging the appointment made by State Governor Arif Mohammed Khan in his capacity as Chancellor of the university, Justice Devan Ramachandran noted that the appointment was in order and she was duly qualified to be appointed to the post. The court directed the Governor to complete the search-cum-selection process for the new V-C within two months. The University Grants Commission informed the court that it would nominate its representative to the search-cum-selection committee within two weeks.

Ciza Thomas

It was following a Supreme Court order declaring the appointment of M.S. Rajasree as V-C *void ab initio* that the Chancellor appointed Dr. Thomas as V-C in-charge. The government contention was that the Chancellor should have appointed V-Cs of other universities, the Pro-V-C or the Principal Secretary to Higher Education to the post.

The Governor submitted to the court that his efforts to identify a senior professor from the university had failed as there were no professors of required qualification to be appointed to the post. The Governor's request for a list of qualified professors from the Director of Technical Education went unheeded and the Director herself refused to take up the post. The Governor was left with the only option of appointing Dr. Thomas after evaluating her credentials, the court noted.

The court expressed concern over the disputes between two Constitutional authorities and its impact on the students and the academic world outside.

Vizhinjam project will not be stopped midway, Kerala Ministers say at meet

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala government on Tuesday made it clear that it would not buckle under any undue pressure from Vizhinjam protesters.

At an expert summit on Vizhinjam seaport organised by the Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited here, several Ministers said that the project will not be stopped midway under any circumstances.

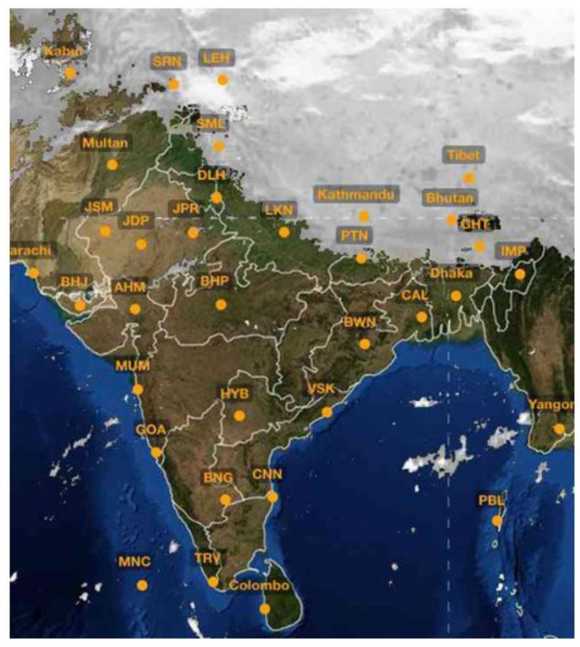
Minister for Ports Ahamed Devarkovil and Minister for Fisheries V. Abdurahiman during the summit on Tuesday. S. MAHINSHA

Contrary to what is being reported in some sections that it was Adani Port, Ports Minister Ahamed Devarkovil said Vizhinjam port is not a private-owned but government-owned facility, he said. Mr. Devarkovil announced that the first ship will call at Vizhinjam in September 2023.

Meanwhile, Thiruvananthapuram range DIG R. Nishanthini has been appointed as a special officer in-charge of security arrangements and law and order in areas comprising Vizhinjam Police Station, Thiruvananthapuram City, Thiruvananthapuram Rural and Coastal Police Stations of Kollam.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Wednesday: No weather warning.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.3	21.9	Kozhikode	2	32.8	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	31.6	15.7	Kurnool	—	33.1	19.9
Aizawl	—	24.9	15.2	Lucknow	—	27.6	14.0
Allahabad	—	27.0	14.0	Madurai	0.1	31.4	24.1
Bengaluru	—	27.8	19.8	Mangaluru	4.2	29.0	23.6
Bhopal	—	27.4	12.5	Mumbai	—	29.2	20.8
Bhubaneswar	—	30.2	16.8	Mysuru	—	29.9	19.2
Chandigarh	—	26.0	11.1	New Delhi	—	26.2	7.4
Chennai	—	29.3	23.0	Patna	—	28.3	14.2
Coimbatore	—	28.0	23.0	Port Blair	3.0	31.0	24.4
Dehradun	—	24.4	10.4	Puducherry	—	30.0	21.9
Gangtok	—	17.8	9.0	Pune	—	29.8	15.8
Goa	—	31.5	24.5	Raipur	—	28.7	14.1
Guwahati	—	30.0	14.6	Ranchi	—	26.3	12.1
Hubballi	—	29.0	18.0	Shillong	—	23.6	10.5
Hyderabad	—	30.6	14.9	Shimla	—	17.3	7.6
Imphal	—	27.6	13.6	Srinagar	—	13.0	-2.2
Jaipur	—	27.3	11.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.6	24.7
Kochi	53.0	30.6	23.4	Tiruchi	—	30.7	24.6
Kohima	—	22.2	9.4	Vijayawada	—	29.4	19.4
Kolkata	—	29.0	17.8	Visakhapatnam	—	30.5	20.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.37	103	..8	 85	52	.....
Bengaluru	...8	8	73	... 304	...150	.....
Chennai	.13	..96	40	... 264	...152	.....
Delhi	.24	..67	65	... 425	...393	.....
Hyderabad	...3	..34	38	... 173	.....—	.....
Kolkata	...7	..14	49	... 252	...152	.....
Lucknow	.15	..64	40	... 360	...268	.....
Mumbai	...4	..18	95	... 248	...181	.....
Pune	..—	..—	.—	..... —	.....—	.....
Visakhapatnam	.30	5	47	... 243	...217	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 460 indicating a severe level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a good AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ–577 501.

ಸಂ:ನಸಚಿ:ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ(1)/ಟೆಂಡರ್:ಕೆ.ಆ:ಸಿಆರ್:16:2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25.11.2022

ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ– 2&3ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ನಗರಸಭೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ರೂ.90.94 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ 1 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.01ರಿಂದ 35 ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕೊಳವೆಬಾವಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪವರ್ ಪಂಪ್ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ರೂ.50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಮೊತ್ತದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಪಿಜಿನ್ಸಿಯವರಿಂದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ htt:/eproc.Karanataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವುದು, ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಸಲ್ಲಿದುವುದು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. "ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಅನವಶ್ಯಕವಾದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡದೇ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಕಾಣುವಂತೆ ಅಪಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು" ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನಾಗಿ ಘೋಷಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟರೆ, ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರಿಸಬಹುದು ಅಥಾವ ನಗರಭೆಯ ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲ www.chitradurgacity.mrc.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

1) ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್–ಬಿ ಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.12.2022ರ 05:30 ಸಂಜೆ ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. 2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.12.2022ರ ಸಂಜೆ 05:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. 3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.12.2022ರ ಸಂಜೆ 05:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. 4) ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ (ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ) ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು,
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ.

RO No. 720: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23

Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens
Podium Block, V.V. Tower, Ground Floor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Veedhi Road, Bengaluru-560 001. Tel : 080-22866066, 22866046
E-mail: dirdwdscka@gmail.com, dir-dwds-ka@nic.in

No:DWD/PLN4/C9/90/2022-23 Date :29.11.2022

Tender Notification
(Through E-Procurement only)

Tender is invited by the Director, Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, under e-Procurement platform/e-portal in two parts (i.e., Technical bid and Financial bid) from the original manufacturers or their authorized dealers for supply of Braille kit for the Visually Impaired students for the year 2022-23 to the Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens. The interested bidders may see further details and may login in **website : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

The tender can be submitted on or before **27.12.2022 till 5.00 p.m.** The technical bid will be opened on **28.12.2022 at 5.30 p.m** and the financial bid will be opened on **30.12.2022 at 3.00 p.m** Department reserves all rights to accept, reject, incorporate changes and retender without giving any reasons. The details can be obtained from the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Podium Block, V. V. Tower, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560 001, Phone No: 080-22866066, 28860907. For more info please see department **website www.dwdsc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Director,
Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/RO3279/AAPL/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

CANCELLATION AND REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Public are hereby informed that, I, Sujatha Venkatakrishnan had executed power of attorneys on 28.03.2016/26.05.2016, 11.02.2017 and 11.05.2017 in favour of Smart Asset Services India Private Limited, a company incorporated under the provisions of Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at No.151, 9th main, 6th sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102. The said Power of Attorneys dated 28.03.2016, 26.05.2016, 11.02.2017 and 11.05.2017 as well as any other power of attorneys that may have been executed by me in favour of Smart Asset Services India Private Limited and any other power of attorneys, that may have been executed in favour of Smart Owner Services India Pvt Ltd, a company with registered office at 8th Floor, Delta Block, Sigma Tech Park, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066 are hereby revoked and cancelled. I also revoke all authority, powers and rights granted in favour of Smart Asset Services India Private Limited and Smart Owner Services India Pvt Ltd, under the said Power of Attorneys. Public are duly warned against entering into any agreement, arrangement or understanding of any kind or continuing with the same with Smart Asset Services India Private Limited or Smart Owner Services India Pvt Ltd, claiming to be acting on my behalf. I will not be liable or responsible in any manner, for any actions, representations or commitments made by Smart Asset Services India Private Limited or Smart Owner Services India Pvt Ltd on my behalf.

KM Sai Apabharana, (Advocate)
Factum Law, Bangalore
No.36, 50 feet, Road, NGEF Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560094

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION BIDAR

No EE/MI&GWD/BDR/TS-1/Tender/2022-23/ 1439 Date: 25/11/2022

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER DETAILS

1) Name of Works : As mentioned in e-Portal, 2) Estimate cost of Work :As mentioned in e-Portal, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : As mentioned in e-Portal, 4) Amount put to tender : As mentioned in e-Portal, 5) Cost of tender form & Details of EMD : As mentioned in e-Portal, 6) Last Date of clarification of tender for KW-3 & KW-4 tender : 05-12-2022 up to 17-00 Hours. 7) Last date for Receipt of Tender for KW-3 & KW-4 tender : 19-12-2022 up to 16-00 Hours. 8) Date of Opening of Technical bid KW-3 & KW-4 tenders : 21-12-2022 at 11-00 Hours, if Possible. 9) Date of Opening of Financial Bid KW-3 & KW-4 tenders : 26-12-2022 at 11-00 Hours, if Possible. 10) Pre-Bid meeting Place, date & time for KW-3 & KW-4 only : Office of the, Ex.Engr. MI & GWD Divn. Partapnagar, Naubad, Bidar on 12-12-2022 at 11:00 AM. 11) Last Date of clarification of tender for KW-2 only : 05-12-2022 up to 17-00 Hours, 12) Last date for Receipt of Tender for KW-2 only : 19-12-2022 up to 16-00 Hours 13) Date of Opening of Financial Bid KW-2 : 21-12-2022 at 11-00 Hours, if Possible, 14) For any clarification and details , office to be contacted : Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division Bidar Phone/ Fax : 08482 232080. 15) Website details : e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
MI & GWD Division, Bidar

DIPR/Bidar/343/MC&A/2022-23

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited
(A Joint Venture of GoK & GoI)
Metro Rail Depot, Old Madras Road, Near NGEF Bus Stop, Baiyappanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 038.
e-Mail: msmshastryhr@bmrc.co.in Website: www.bmrc.co.in

Dated: 30.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

BMRCL invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers for the following service:

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No.	Name of Service	Approx. Cost in Rs.	Bid Security/ EMD in Rs.	Period of Sale of Tender Document	Pre-Bid meeting	Date & time for submission of Tender	Date & time for opening of Tender	Cost of Tender document (Rs)	Duration of Contract
1	BMRCL/ O&M/HR Security/ R3&3A/ 2022/2 Dtd: 30.11.2022	Tender for Providing Security & Allied Services for Depot Stations, Viaduct, Track and Trains of Reach-3&3A	34.64 Crores	34.64 Lakhs	30.11.2022 to 14.12.2022	16.12.2022 at 3.00 p.m.	28.12.2022 (Up to 2.30 p.m.)	28.12.2022 (at 3.00 p.m.)	59,000/-	36 months
2	BMRCL/ O&M/HR Security/ R4&4A/ 2022/2 Dtd: 30.11.2022	Tender for Providing Security & Allied Services for Stations, Viaduct, Track & Trains of Reach-4&4A	27.99 Crores	27.99 Lakhs	30.11.2022 to 14.12.2022	16.12.2022 at 3.00 p.m.	29.12.2022 (Up to 2.30 p.m.)	29.12.2022 (at 3.00 p.m.)	59,000/-	36 months
3	BMRCL/ O&M/HR Security/ UG-1& UG-2/2022 /2 Dtd: 30.11.2022	Tender for Providing Security & Allied Services for Stations, Tunnel, Track & Trains in Underground Sections (UG-1 &UG-2 of BMRCL	26.98 Crores	26.98 Lakhs	30.11.2022 to 14.12.2022	16.12.2022 at 3.00 p.m.	30.12.2022 (Up to 2.30 p.m.)	30.12.2022 (at 3.00 p.m.)	59,000/-	36 months
4	BMRCL/ O&M/HR Security/ R1/2022 /2 Dtd: 30.11.2022	Tender for Providing Security & Allied Services for Depot, Stations, Viaduct, Track & Trains of Reach-1	30.27 Crores	30.27 Lakhs	30.11.2022 to 14.12.2022	16.12.2022 at 3.00 p.m.	31.12.2022 (Up to 2.30 p.m.)	31.12.2022 (at 3.00 p.m.)	59,000/-	36 months

For scope of work, eligibility criteria etc. visit BMRCL website **www.bmrc.co.in/Tenders**.
Interested bidders can download Tender documents after making Online payment.

Sd/- Executive Director (O & M)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, our clients have proposed to purchase the below mentioned property from its owners **Mrs. Gouri Suresh** and **Dr. S. J. Suresh @ Suresh Sambamurthy Jayaraman,** both residing at Villa No. 379,Phase II, Adarsh Palm Meadows, R. Narayanapura Village, Ramagondanahalli, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore – 560066

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule Property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by aforesaid owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the Photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, ***within 10 (Ten) days*** from the date of notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **residential Property bearing Villa No.379, BBMP Khatha No. 226/379,** in the layout known as **"PALM MEADOWS - II,** formed in residential converted Property bearing Sy. No.7/3 and Sy. No. 7/4, vide its Official Memorandum No. BDS/ALN/SR (SA) 69/95-96, dated 02-06-1996 issued by the Office of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District **situated at R. Narayanapura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, earlier comes under Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under Bangalore East Taluk measuring East 50 Feet, West 50 Feet, North 62'.6" Feet and South 65'9" Feet, totally measuring 3115 Sq. Ft with Building consisting Ground and First Floor with Open Terrace totally having a super built up area of 2417 Square Feet,** earlier comes under the Administrative Jurisdiction of Mahadevapura Municipal Council and presently comes under the Administrative Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Ward No. 84, Hagadooru, having its BBMP PID No: 225 and bounded by:

East by : Road,
West by : Road.
North by : Property bearing Sl. No. 380
South by : Property bearing Sl. No. 378

Sd/-
A.YOGASREE
SIDDAPPAJI. S, ***Advocates***
No. 706, 'B' Wing, 7th Floor, Mittal Tower, M. G. Road, Bangalore -560 001.
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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ
ಶ್ರೀ ಮಲೈ ಮಹದೇಶ್ವರಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ,
ಮಹದೇಶ್ವರಬೆಟ್ಟ, ಹನೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08225–272128 Email : sec.mmtemple@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಶ್ರೀ ಮ.ಮ.ಕ್ಷೇ.ಅ.ಪ್ರಾ/3/ಟಿಆರ್/15/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20–11–2022

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ)
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1.	ಶ್ರೀ ಮಲೈ ಮಹದೇಶ್ವರಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಪೂಜಾ ವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ 200 ಗ್ರಾಂ ತೂಕ, 3.50 ಇಂಚು ವ್ಯಾಸವಿರುವ ತಾಮ್ರದ ಜೆಂಬು ಹಾಗೂ 300 ಗ್ರಾಂ ತೂಕವುಳ್ಳ 9.50 ಇಂಚು ವ್ಯಾಸವುಳ್ಳ CU–93% ಇರುವ ತಾಮ್ರದ ತಟ್ಟೆ ಸೇರಿ ಒಂದು ಸೆಟ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ತಟ್ಟೆಯ ಮೇಲ್ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀಸ್ವಾಮಿಯ ಬಂಗಾರದ ರಥವಿರುವ ಭಾವ ಚಿತ್ರದೊಡನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಲೈ ಮಹದೇಶ್ವರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮಹದೇಶ್ವರ ಬೆಟ್ಟ ಎಂದು ಮುದ್ರಿಸಿ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಆದೇಶ ನೀಡಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವುದು.	400.00	4,00,000.00

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More vaccine choices

Development of an intranasal vaccine against COVID-19 is a welcome initiative

Nearly three months after Bharat Biotech's intranasal COVID-19 vaccine was granted emergency use approval for primary vaccination of adults, the vaccine has now been given emergency use approval as a heterologous booster in adults over 18 years. Unlike Covaxin, an inactivated vaccine, the intranasal vaccine uses a viral vector platform that utilises a recombinant adenovirus as a vector. As a heterologous booster, the intranasal vaccine was tested on around 875 participants, immunised earlier with two doses of either Covaxin or Covishield. Among the advantages intranasal vaccines have over vaccines is that they can potentially prevent SARS-CoV-2 infection at the point of viral entry in the respiratory tract. They are also far easier to administer. As in the case of the intranasal vaccine for primary vaccination, the booster dose too was tested only for safety and immunogenicity, but not efficacy. Unlike the vaccines tested early in the pandemic, evaluating the efficacy of a new vaccine for primary vaccination and heterologous booster at this stage of the pandemic might be very challenging as a vast population has been already vaccinated and/or naturally infected, especially with the Omicron variant.

However, even higher immunogenicity need not necessarily translate into higher efficacy, particularly the ability of the vaccine to prevent infection. The SARS-CoV-2 virus has now acquired an even greater ability to evade existing immunity and cause an infection. Since the intranasal vaccine does not have the virus spike protein with newer mutations, it is important to study within a defined time period the effectiveness of the intranasal vaccine to prevent infection and severe disease and death when used as the primary vaccination and as a booster dose. Alternatively, the vaccine's effectiveness can be tested in human challenge studies. Studying this becomes important as the results of an intranasal vaccine in the phase-1 trial using the Oxford vaccine – an adenovirus-vector vaccine – originally developed for intramuscular administration, elicited antigen-specific mucosal antibody responses only in a "minority" of participants, and the antibody levels were far lower than from a natural infection. The Oxford vaccine, as an intranasal vaccine, did not elicit "consistent mucosal antibody response nor a strong systemic response". The demand for vaccines for primary vaccination has been reducing since the third wave peaked in end-January while those for boosters has been low even when available for free for 75 days beginning mid-July. Yet, the development of an intranasal vaccine, a new vaccine platform for India, is welcome, and having a safe and effective vaccine that can prevent infection remains a high priority.

Oil no bar

Maduro should mend ties with the West and join talks with the opposition

The Biden administration's decision to ease sanctions on Venezuela and allow Chevron to return to its joint venture oil fields marks the end of Washington's maximum pressure campaign aimed at ousting President Nicolás Maduro. Former President Donald Trump took U.S. sanctions to the extreme by barring oil companies from operating in the South American country, which has the world's largest oil reserves, and recognising Juan Guaidó, the self-declared unelected acting President. This policy had little impact on Venezuela's political crisis, for two reasons: first, Mr. Guaidó never managed to mobilise enough political capital to shake Mr. Maduro's regime, powered by the Bolivarian grassroots movement; and then, the regime found a way to work around the sanctions by selling its heavy crude at a discounted price to China and other countries. The Biden administration followed the Trump line in its initial months, but started holding talks with Venezuela in March, a few weeks after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. While the U.S.'s official narrative is that the decision to ease sanctions was part of a larger political reconciliation process within Venezuela, the catalyst seems to be Ukraine and the energy crisis. Sanctions on Russia have pumped up prices. Mr. Biden's attempts to revive the Iran nuclear deal have not succeeded so far. The move by Saudi Arabia and its allies to slash oil production has also mounted additional pressure on prices. The only option now to get more oil into the market is to allow Venezuela to do so.

To be sure, the easing of sanctions comes with riders. Chevron can produce oil from its fields in Venezuela, but the oil should be exported only to the U.S. Also, the sale proceeds should be used to pay back state-owned Venezuelan oil company PdVSA's debt to Chevron (some $4.2 billion), and the licence can be cancelled any time. Even so, Mr. Maduro can claim victory in the U.S.'s clear U-turn. He has offered to begin talks with the opposition, but has not made any major concession beyond that. The U.S. move could also prompt European countries to revisit their policy towards Caracas. The return of foreign companies would allow Venezuela to ramp up its oil production. Mr. Maduro seems to have survived western attempts to isolate him, but his bigger challenge is to ride out the storm at home. The window of reengagement is his opportunity. He should embrace it with steps to address the critical failings of Venezuela's economy, partly because of his own policies, mend ties with the West, and join serious talks with the opposition.

Settling the language for cooperative federalism

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Cooperative federalism and 'cultural chauvinism'. The latter expression found mention in an editorial comment recently and bears repetition: "This latest effort to impose Hindi raises once again and quite retrogressively the issue of cultural nationalism at a time when it is least required. India has remained uniquely unified despite the infinite multiplicities of its cultures...."

Language is an essential ingredient of identity. The question of expressing national identity in a linguistically diverse society anxious to jettison or reduce the use of English as the language of the colonial power was passionately debated by the Constitution-makers and even linked to 'national prestige'. It was an uneasy compromise reflected in the wording of Part XVII (Articles 343-351).

Spelling it out

Article 345 leaves it to the State to choose its language for official purposes. In actual practice, several States and Union Territories continue to use English. Article 348 stipulates that all proceedings of the Supreme Court and 'of every High Court' and of Bills, etc. in Parliament shall be in the English language. The Eighth Schedule and the periodic additions to it (now numbering 22) spell out the diversity and complexity of the language landscape as do the Official Languages Act of 1963 and its Rules made in 1976 and amended in 1987, 2007 and 2011.

The question of Official Language brought forth 'passionate dissents' in the Constituent Assembly and the drafting of the Constitution. It covered language of legislatures; language of the courts and the judiciary, and language of the official work of the Union. Educational institutions of "national importance" and those of "scientific and technical education financed by Government of India" were in the Union List and education "including technical, medical and universities" were in the Concurrent List.

Some ambiguity inevitably crept into it. Thus Article 351 directs the state, in the development of Hindi, to draw upon other languages in the composite culture of India. These include Hindustani that does not find a mention in the Eighth Schedule.

> The constitutional course would be to opt for the language of Article 345, making it prudent for longer term political harmony implied in cooperative federalism

A dissent that surfaces from time to time

This passionate dissent – beginning with the B.G. Kher Commission – continues to this day and surfaces from time to time. It assumed a violent form in 1965 in Tamil Nadu, where violent disturbances led to more than 50 deaths. This year, the reactions from Tamil Nadu and Kerala have been sharp and unambiguous. The Hindu reported on November 27 that 'an 85-year-old DMK functionary ended his life in Salem on Saturday' purportedly over the Central government's imposition of Hindi in Tamil Nadu.

Unlike other parliamentary committees, the committee on official language, though consisting of 30 members of Parliament, is headed by the Home Minister. Its mandate is to review the progress made in the use of Hindi for official purposes, and to make recommendations to increase the use of Hindi in official communications. It submits its report to the President of India, who forwards its recommendations to the two Houses.

It is understood that, so far, only the recommendations of the reports up to the ninth in the year 2010 have been forwarded to the Houses of Parliament. The 10th and 11th reports have been submitted to the President and are not in the public domain.

The Home Minister's press conference in October announcing the completion of the 11th Report, highlighted some of its recommendations on language of instruction and examinations in technical courses. This touched off an animated debate on its resulting implications and its practicality in terms of the availability of standard books and course material, and of teachers qualified to communicate it adequately. A related matter is the competence in Hindi language of candidates undertaking examinations in it and competing in equal measure with those whose mother tongue it is.

At the root of the debate is the bigger question of identity in a diverse society. Nowhere in it was the suggestion that diversity, including linguistic diversity, is to be subsumed in linguistic uniformity.

The 'national language' issue

The allegation of 'cultural chauvinism' emanates from the apprehension that the transition from English along with Hindi as the Official Language of the Union to it being the national language and to bring it about through such procedural devices such as the language of instruction and examination and of textbooks to the detriment of students whose mother tongue is not Hindi. Its implications for competitiveness in the job market are evident.

It is to be recalled that the language of the chapter on Official Language is definitive and limits itself to the language of the Union. It does not mention a national language. There is no mention of it in the section on Directive Principles of State Policy or of Fundamental Duties. In fact, Article 344(3) stipulates that 'the just claims and interests of persons belonging to the non-Hindi speaking areas in regard to the public services' shall be considered by the President.

In this context, what are the courses open to the federal government in the context of the zeal reflected in the Home Minister's remarks? The constitutional course would be to opt for the language of Article 345, that allows each Legislature to the use of Hindi, or to choose its language, for all official purposes. This would hinge on electoral success in terms of the official programme of the party in power. Its absence, by the same token, would make the matter politically contentious, even acrimonious.

Would not such a course, if adopted, be prudent for longer term political harmony implied in cooperative federalism, more so because English is now accepted as the language of discourse across continents, and its colonial past is a matter of distant history?

A spymaster who now has the Pakistan Army's reins

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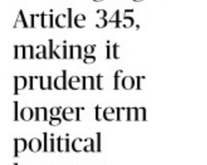

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> As the 17th Army Chief of Pakistan, General Syed Asim Munir faces challenges in ensuring political stability and elevating people's perception of the Army, while India needs to wait and watch

Lieutenant General Syed Asim Munir has taken over as Pakistan's new Chief of Army Staff (COAS) from General Qamar Javed Bajwa, who retired on November 29 after a six-year-long tenure. Gen. Munir will inherit a lot of political and economic mess from his predecessor. Therefore, his foremost task will be to restore the sullied image of the Pakistan Army, resolve internal differences, and generate confidence in the country's political establishment by displaying neutrality. As a part of this, he may devise hawkish policies on national security matters in the near term.

Gen. Munir is the 17th Army Chief of Pakistan. A graduate of the 17th batch of the Officers Training School at Mangla, he was commissioned into the 23rd Battalion of Pakistan Army's Frontier Force Regiment. His experience ranges from leading Force Command Northern Areas in Gilgit-Baltistan to heading both the Military Intelligence and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). Notably, he was the ISI chief during the Pulwama suicide attack in Kashmir in February 2019. It is expected that he will follow a hard-line policy *vis-à-vis* India.

Fixing civil-military relations

Under Gen. Bajwa's leadership, the military establishment brazenly interfered in political 'engineering' by first installing the Imran Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's (PTI) 'hybrid' regime in 2018, and then allegedly removing him from power in April this year. However, it only ensued persisting political instability in Pakistan. Since his ousting, Imran Khan and the PTI have been on the offensive, launching a campaign against the 'imported' coalition government of the Shehbaz Sharif-led Pakistan Democratic Movement and the military establishment. This has caused serious damage to civil-military relations. Mr. Khan has openly accused Gen. Bajwa and other senior Army officers of 'illegally' removing the PTI government, attempting to assassinate him, and being involved in the mysterious killing of a pro-PTI journalist Arshad Sharif in Kenya last month. Interestingly, such are the political dynamics of Pakistan that when Mr. Khan was in power, former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had blamed Gen. Bajwa for plotting against him, politicising the judiciary and installing a "selected and incompetent" PTI government.

These developments have raised the Pakistani political class's long-held fears about the military establishment's intentions. The political instability has also taken its toll on the Pakistani economy, which is now facing the risk of default. This has caused unprecedented political and public backlash against the Army leadership. So, restoring the Army's pole position and providing a semblance of order in civil-military relations will likely be Gen. Munir's top priority as the new COAS. In the long run, he will also prioritise maintaining the military's supremacy over civilian institutions in Pakistan.

Securing Pakistan

As part of restoring the Army's image and mobilising public opinion in its favour, he may follow in the footsteps of his predecessors by launching a new military operation in the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP)-affected tribal areas in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Gen. Raheel Sharif and Gen. Bajwa had initiated military operations – Zarb-e-Azb (2014) and Radd-ul-Fasaad (2017), respectively, to mark their presence and consolidate power as the new COAS. Already, there are calls for military intervention in the Swat Valley and erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas agencies to control growing militancy and provide security to the local population.

More importantly, Gen. Munir will have to decide the future of the peace dialogue with the TTP, which has stalled after the Pakistani government dilly dallied on accepting the militant group's demands. The Afghan Taliban regime in Kabul, which has played an active role in mediating between the Pakistan Army and TTP, has achieved little success. This has frustrated Islamabad and Rawalpindi, exacerbating the already strained ties due to the unresolved differences over the Durand Line, separating Pakistan and Afghanistan. In recent months, there have been frequent and violent border clashes between the two neighbours over Pakistan's fencing of the Line.

Toughening India policy

On India, COAS Munir is unlikely to follow the lead of Gen. Bajwa, who, guided by his security calculations, had been instrumental in agreeing to a ceasefire on the Line of Control (LoC) in February 2021. The ceasefire has largely held. As Gen. Munir has taken charge, the LoC may get active again in the coming months, post-winter. While there are enough pressing domestic matters to keep Gen. Munir preoccupied, he may be keen to signal India that he means business and that New Delhi should not exploit Pakistan's current predicaments.

India will prefer to wait and watch. Given Gen. Munir's ISI portfolio at the time of the 2019 Pulwama attack, there is a concern that cross-border terror activities will see a spike, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir. The easing of international pressure on Pakistan in the form of its exit from the Financial Action Task Force's 'grey list' may be an enabler. Gen. Munir may, therefore, utilise his operational and intelligence expertise in formulating a rejigged, possibly hawkish, policy on India.

To sum up, Gen. Munir will carry his predecessor's baggage for the foreseeable future of his tenure. He will face multiple challenges in bringing political stability and elevating people's perception of the Army. The faltering economy will be his greatest challenge, and his priority would be to ensure that the Army is not blamed for economic mismanagement and grave shortages of essential commodities in Pakistan. If everything fails, he could use the known diversionary tactics to rally key stakeholders behind the Army as the only 'saviour of Pakistan'.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

China lockdowns, protests

It is a bit surprising that anti-lockdown protests have erupted in China, posing a great challenge to President Xi Jinping. The most surprising element has been the bold manner in which students are reacting to the strong measures in a democratic way. It is also clear that people are yearning for freedom and democratic principles.

J.P. Reddy,
Nalgonda, Telangana

It is surprising to know why China is unable to open its doors and why there is a very low adoption to vaccination in the 80-plus years population. In this regard, India has come up with a very good strategy of learning to live with the virus, in the form of mass information dissemination on precautions, and vaccination drives. In spite of being the epicentre of COVID-19, China has neither found the definite cause nor has it taken transparent steps to curb spread. This affects not only the citizens of China but also countries that have geographical borders with China, besides its trade partners. China's President Xi Jinping and his council need to amp up their efforts to mass vaccinate Chinese citizens, and open the doors rather than just clamping down on mass protests.

M. Lakshmi Narayanan,
Bengaluru

In their own ways, both China and the U.S. are examples of poor handling of this pandemic. COVID-19 is, first and foremost, a disease and the top priority should have been to institute effective clinical measures for patients, based on early treatments and known symptoms. There was no way the spread could be stopped, either only by vaccines, like the U.S. believed, or the military methods of China on the population. And their people have been paying a huge price. If it is mortality and hospitalisations in one case, it is a frozen and frustrating social life in the other. India too, initially, could not escape this fate for long months. Once it changed course, largely due to the initiative of thousands of individual doctors, the virus was steadily consigned to the margins. Both the U.S. and China have ignored this successful clinical experience in another largely populated country.

M. Balakrishnan,
Bengaluru

It will be interesting to see how China, a great power, is going to grapple with this internal challenge. While imposing emergency lockdowns may be essential or a desperate measure, it is difficult to quell an outrage when life is thrown out of gear. The might of China is under challenge. Harsh methods will backfire and appeasing the populace requires finesse which China does not possess. Might is no longer right. China is staring down the barrel.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

Inflammatory remark

A teacher from a prestigious institute in Manipal being suspended for allegedly calling a student a terrorist shows how hate is enveloping society. It is such a trend that needs to be defeated. Every person has a right to live in dignity.

Safal Rasheed,
Chandhanathope, Kollam, Kerala

No strong voice

The primary reason for continuing domestic violence is that women are prisoners of a regressive societal mindset, especially in the rural areas. Indian society is still to fully accept the law and the fact that men and women enjoy equal rights under the Constitution. The root of the problem lies in the patriarchal mindset, which refuses to yield. The fault also lies with the education system. Financial insecurity is another important reason why women do not raise their voice against domestic violence. In the end, the police need reforms.

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EWS are well represented in higher education

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As the heated political debate following the Supreme Court judgment upholding the 10% quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) has almost settled now, we look at the empirical basis of the quota. The simple question that we examine here is whether the EWS quota is backed by evidence. To answer this, we look at the principal justification for the EWS quota and whether the available evidence justifies it.

The Constitution (124th Amendment) Bill claims that the EWS from the general category have largely remained excluded in higher education institutions due to their financial incapacity. Thus, exclusion or under-representation in higher education is the primary justification for the EWS quota. And so, we examine the available evidence to ascertain the extent of representation of EWS from the general category in higher education institutions.

EWS representation

To do this, we developed a novel data base of higher education institutions which were ranked under the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). We compare the representation of EWS students in 457 higher education institutions in 2019, just before the EWS quota was introduced, and in 528 institutions ranked in 2022, the latest year for which data are available. We arrived at these numbers after removing the duplications, as some institutions are ranked in several categories. For example, if an institution was ranked in both the 'engineering' and 'universities' categories, we included it only in the latter category as the former is a subset of the latter.

Do the NIRF data provide the proportion of EWS students studying in these premier higher educational intuitions? Not directly. Instead, the data enable us to estimate the share indirectly. In its data submission format, the NIRF asked the participating education institutions to provide details of the number of currently enrolled 'economically backward students' defined as "students whose parental income is less than taxable slab". To avoid duplication, the format specifies that the economically backward students should be treated as a separate category and not be counted in the socially backward categories, and vice versa.

The taxable slab of parental incomes corresponds closer to ₹8 lakh, the income cut-off to avail of the EWS quota. The Ajay Bhushan Pandey Committee, appointed to examine the EWS income criteria, argues that "considering that the currently effective income tax exemption limit is around ₹8 lakh for individuals, the committee is of the view that the gross annual income limit of ₹8 lakh for the entire family would be reasonable for inclusion into EWS". Hence, these economically backward students can be considered the reasonable proxy for the EWS students from the general category.

The NIRF 2019 data suggest that EWS students constituted 19% in the NIRF-ranked higher education institutions, whereas students from socially backward groups (Scheduled Castes/Tribes/Other Backward Classes) formed 39%. The proportion of EWS students was higher in colleges (28%) and lower in medical institutes (2%). This variation was equally applicable for socially backward students: 47% in colleges and just 3% in management institutions. Surprisingly, the proportion of EWS students declined from 19% in 2019 to 15% in 2022, three years after the implementation of the EWS quota, but it remains well above the 10% quota.

These higher education institutions comprise both private and government-funded public institutions and therefore require a disaggregated analysis. The share of EWS students in 218 public higher education institutions and 239 private institutions stood at 19% and 20%, respectively, in 2019. The corresponding share in 2022 is 17% and 13%. Thus, despite being outside the purview of the EWS reservation policy, the share of EWS students is more than 10% in the private NIRF-ranked higher education institutes. The share of socially backward students in private institutions stood at 36% in 2019; it remains unchanged in 2022. Within public institutions, the share of EWS students in centrally funded elite institutions such as the IITs and IIMs was 21%; in 2019; it has dropped to 16% in 2022.

Well above the quota

This shows that EWS students are not excluded or under-represented in premier higher education institutes. An analysis of the Periodic Labour Force Survey data of 2019 also confirms the above pattern. Employing the insight offered by the Palma ratio, a policy-relevant inequality measure, we have trifurcated households into bottom 40% (the poor); middle 50% (middle class); and top 10% (the rich). We consider here only the poor households, as the EWS quota is meant for the poor among the general category. In the bottom 40% households, the proportion of general category, defined as 'non-SC/ST/OBCs', is 18%. About 20% of 18-25-year-olds from the general category from the poor 40% households have enrolled in higher education institutions. To put this differently, they constitute about 24% of all students enrolled from the bottom 40. Similarly, close to 20% of 22-29-year-olds from the general category from the bottom 40 have completed graduation or above. Here too, their share constitutes more than their population share in the bottom 40.

It is thus clear that the share of EWS from the general category in higher education institutions is well above 10%. The available evidence goes against both the justification and the objective of the EWS reservation policy.

Using agencies as political tools

Recent events raise questions about the independence of government agencies

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The Telangana government and the Centre have been at loggerheads for a while now. While the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is making aggressive efforts to expand its influence in the State before the 2023 elections, the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) is going all out to try and keep its vote base intact. The two parties pulled out all stops to win the recent Munugode bypoll. The TRS finally came out on top, but the outcome has led to an ugly political slugfest, with both the parties using government arms and agencies to 'fix' leaders of the other side.

Days before the bypoll, the TRS left the BJP red-faced by releasing a video in which three persons, purportedly engaged by the BJP, were heard trying to poach TRS MLAs. The recordings also named the National General Secretary of the BJP, B.L. Santosh. The government then constituted a Special Investigation Team headed by the Hyderabad Police Commissioner C.V. Anand to probe the poaching of MLAs. The Chief Minister released "proof" of his allegations and circulated it to the top judiciary and to politicians. The BJP expectedly dismissed the video as "false" and accused the TRS of having "undoubtedly fabricated video and audio content." It then knocked the doors of the judiciary seeking relief from the ongoing probe and succeeded partially.

Soon after this, central investigation agencies, including the Income Tax (IT) Department and the Enforcement Directorate (ED), began to carry out raids on three Ministers, four MPs and two legislators, all belonging to the TRS. The ED and IT Department carried out simultaneous searches at multiple locations, including the residence of Civil Supplies and Backward Classes Welfare Minister Gangula Kamalakar and the offices of several granite companies in Karimnagar. This was purportedly to probe the alleged violations of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999.

The ED also provisionally attached 28 immovable properties and other assets worth ₹80.65 crore belonging to TRS MP Nama Nageswara Rao in the alleged money laundering case against Ranchi Expressways Limited and Madhucon Projects Limited. Mr. Rao is the promoter and director of the Madhucon Group and personal guarantor to the bank loan defaulted by Ranchi Expressways.

The ED also grilled Animal Husbandry Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav's office staff and family members in an alleged money laundering case pertaining to a casino business.

The three-day IT raids on the residence, office, colleges and hospital of Labour Minister C. Malla Reddy and his family members capped the dramatic events of the last few weeks. MPs Vaddiraju Ravichandra, Parthasarathy Reddy, and M. Srinivas Reddy as well as legislators Manchireddy Kishan Reddy and L. Ramana faced raids too. As searches intensified, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao told party leaders and elected representatives to "stay strong" and not get jittery.

These tit-for-tat acts have led to fear in the TRS and BJP camps. The raids by central agencies appear to be an attempt to hit the financial sources of the TRS leaders ahead of the 2023 elections. At the same time, the TRS too wants to corner the BJP leadership with its narrative that the national party is attempting to poach its leaders. But how far this narrative will succeed remains to be seen as the TRS has equally been involved in poaching candidates of other parties. Since its landslide victory in 2018, the TRS has successfully split the Congress by taking more than a dozen of its MLAs and encouraging defections. It has justified these acts by saying that it invited leaders from other parties in order to achieve "political stability". Rival legislature parties merged their groups with the TRS legislature party. But it will not be easy for the TRS to escape any blame of encouraging poaching and defections that come its way.

What is happening in Telangana is not new. Political parties always look for ways of settling scores with one another. However, what is worrying is that they don't hesitate to misuse government agencies in their political wars. The ED and IT Department as well as State agencies must not only be fair, but also seen to be fair. The events of the past few weeks raise serious questions about their independent functioning and in turn about democracy.

Where does waste originate and go?

Half the municipal solid waste of Delhi went to landfills in 2020-21

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

A recent report titled 'EnviStats India 2022', published by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, has highlighted the herculean challenge of disposing of the solid waste generated by the States without harming the environment. By taking Delhi as an example, the report has calculated the "physical supply and use tables" to capture the source and destination of all types of solid waste in the capital city. Data were collected from all the five Urban Local Bodies and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee pertaining to 2020-21.

Delhi data

Chart 1 shows the various sources of solid waste generated in Delhi. Over 40 lakh tonnes of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) were generated in 2020-21. Municipal solid waste includes garbage (highly decomposable material such as food), trash (bulky items such as tree branches or old appliances), and rubbish (slowly decomposing items such as paper, glass, or metal). According to the report, about 85% of MSW in Delhi was generated by households and 15% by shops and restaurants.

That year, over 13 lakh tonnes of construction and demolition waste were also generated in the city along with over 5.4 lakh tonnes of plastic waste, about 11 thousand tonnes of bio-medical waste, and 610 tonnes of e-waste. Delhi also generated 3,239 tonnes of hazardous waste. Hazardous waste is typically sludge from factories, industrial manufacturing process wastes and batteries.

Table 2 shows the various ways in which the waste was disposed of in Delhi. Half the municipal solid waste went to landfills and the other half was recycled and reused. About 35% of bio-medical waste was incinerated, while the entire share of construction and demolition waste was recycled. While bio-medical waste is incinerated, the ash generated after the process is sent to the landfills.

It is not known how e-waste is disposed of as there is no treatment and disposal facility available in Delhi for e-waste. According to the report, of the 610 tonnes of e-waste generated in 2020-21, refurbishers collected 28.6 tonnes and bulk consumers collected the rest. Notably, about 22% of plastic waste is converted into energy, while 37% is taken to landfills.

Other States

As the 2020-21 numbers were only available for Delhi, figures from 2019-20 were considered to assess the other States on the share of different types of waste processed. **Table 3** shows the percentage share of various types of waste processed. Across India, 68% of the MSW generated is processed. Himachal Pradesh leads the list with 98% of MSW getting processed, followed by Chhattisgarh at 93%. In contrast, West Bengal processed only 9%. These data were of November 2020. In 2018-19, an average of 2.5 tonnes of plastic was generated per 1,000 population in India.

Across India, 87% of biomedical waste was treated. Seventeen States and five Union Territories have already achieved 100% biomedical waste treatment, while in Bihar and Chhattisgarh just 29% of it got treated, respectively. These data pertain to 2018. Close to 614 tonnes of biomedical waste was generated per day in India in 2018.

Across India, only 45% of the hazardous waste generated was recycled/utilised. Most States lag in this indicator. Of the 30 States analysed, in 13, less than 50% was recycled/utilised; and in 22 of them, ess than 75% was recycled/utilised. These data pertain to the 2018-19 period. The hazardous waste generated in the country per 1,000 population was 8.09 metric tonnes in 2018.

Counting the waste

Chart 1 and Table 2 are sourced from "Envi Stats - India 2022", published by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Table 3 is sourced from the NITI Aayog SDG Index

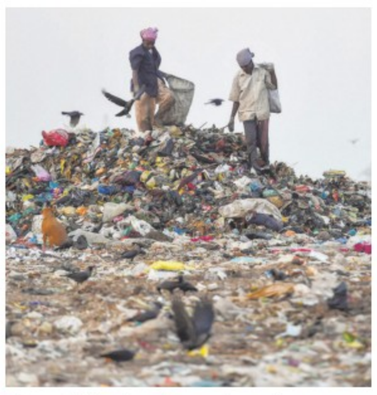

Chart 1 | The chart shows the various sources of solid waste generated in Delhi in 2020-21. Over 4 lakh tonnes of municipal solid wsaste was generated in the capital in 2020-21

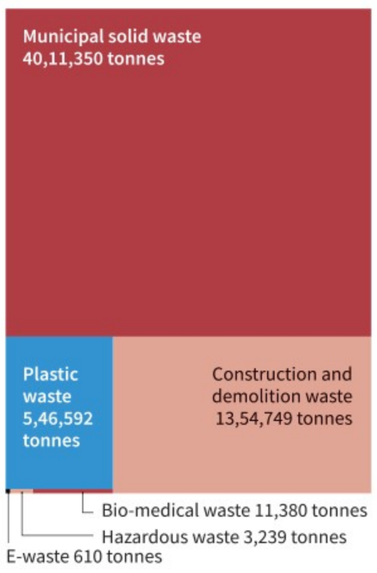

Table 3 | The table shows the % share of various types of waste processed or treated or recycled/utilised

Area	% of MSW* processed of the total MSW generated	% of BMW* treated of total quantity of BMW generated	Quantity of hazardous waste recycled/utilised of total hazardous waste generated
Target	100%	100%	100%
India	68%	87%	45%
U.P.	68%	100%	60%
Uttarakhand	57%	99%	96%
Punjab	76%	100%	18%
Haryana	50%	100%	100%
Himachal	98%	100%	66%
Jharkhand	64%	53%	2%
Bihar	58%	29%	28%
West Bengal	9%	100%	50%
Odisha	80%	100%	63%
Arunachal	24%	100%	-
Assam	63%	75%	21%
Manipur	70%	79%	-
Meghalaya	65%	100%	2%
Mizoram	80%	100%	50%
Nagaland	68%	100%	50%
Sikkim	71%	73%	0%
Tripura	63%	100%	93%
M.P.	90%	92%	67%
Chhattisgarh	93%	29%	20%
Rajasthan	77%	76%	99%
Gujarat	87%	100%	33%
Maharashtra	83%	100%	12%
Goa	70%	100%	4%
Andhra	64%	100%	76%
Karnataka	64%	100%	55%
Kerala	75%	59%	33%
Tamil Nadu	70%	100%	49%
Telangana	78%	100%	52%

Table 2 | The table shows the various ways in which the waste was disposed of in Delhi in 2020-21. The figures are in % and each row adds up to 100%

	Landfill	Incineration	Recycling and reuse	Flows to the environment	Exports	Waste to energy	Unknown
Municipal solid waste	50%	0	50%	0	0	0	0
Bio-medical waste	2%	35%	31%	3%	0	0	29%
Hazardous waste	0	0	0	0	11%	0	89%
Construction and demolition waste	0	0	100%	0	0	0	0
E-waste	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Plastic waste	37%	0	25%	16%	0	22%	0

MSW: Municipal solid waste | BMW: bio-medical waste

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 30, 1972

Plan for pleasant send-off to Pak. POW

New Delhi, Nov. 29: Despite the persisting deadlock over delineation, India and Pakistan are not denying themselves the luxury of peripheral courtesies for keeping the appearance of a mutual desire to avoid unpleasantness over marginal issues as far as possible. The impending exchange at Wagha on Friday of the prisoners-of-war taken by either side on the western front during the last conflict is being planned with all the trappings of a convivial social occasion. The Indian Army proposes to entertain the 540 Pakistani prisoners, who include 51 civilians, to a lavish dinner the previous night on the eve of their repatriation. The "burra khana" in military terminology will be followed by a "qawali" programme of Urdu recitations reviving nostalgic memories of happier days in the past. Before they are finally freed on Friday morning at the Wagha checkpost, each Pakistan prisoner will be given a packet of tea, a very scarce commodity these days in Pakistan, as a present from his family from the Indian people. And those who are accustomed to chewing pan will be allowed to take a generous amount of the leaf since it is now a rarity in Pakistan. The Pakistan Army is not lagging behind in making similar arrangements for giving an equally pleasant send-off to the 617 Indian prisoners, who include 10 IAF officers, 89 BSF personnel, four J. and K. militia men and 17 civilians. After haranguing them for nearly an hour before Pakistan's peaceful professions, Mr. Bhutto told the perplexed Indian POWs in Lyallpur on Monday that from then on they were Pakistan's honoured guests, pending the completion of the arrangements for their return to India as free men.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 30, 1922

Hospital fees

A Mysore G.O. on the subject of fees payable by in patients in all the hospitals of the State prescribes annas eight per diem for each patient in a general ward. For Indians as special first class patients Rs. 5 for sole occupation of a room and Rs. 2-8 for second class patients sharing a room with others. For European and Anglo-Indians the fees are now raised to Rs. 8 and Rs. 4 respectively. It is presumed that the feed include medical treatment and medicines.

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Doubling court strength won't end pendency: SC

The Chief Justice said that it was difficult to get good lawyers to fill up the existing judicial positions itself. "Try getting judges to fill up the existing positions... then you will know how difficult it is," he said. He said the reality on the ground concerning High Courts ought to be appreciated. "We can't just appoint anybody... Ask the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court as to how many good lawyers are willing to accept judgeships today," CJI Chandrachud said.

On Monday, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul voiced similar concerns about finding good legal talent to join the Bench after he and the CJI had met with the Chief Justices of the High Courts. Justice Kaul had said that 20% of the judicial posts in the High Courts were vacant. Justice Kaul, the second senior-most Supreme Court judge and a Collegium member, had said that the Chief Justices of several High Courts had complained about lawyers being unwilling to accept invitations to the Bench because of the uncertainty posed by the government's inaction.

Justice P.S. Narasimha, the Associate Judge on the CJI Bench, said on Tuesday that it was a "non sequitur to say that you increase the number of judges and pendency will go away. It is not correct". Increasing the number of judges was not the solution, Justice Narasimha said. Mr. Upadhyay said that all matters were pending in the Allahabad High Court for at least 10 years.

'Nadav Lapid abused invitation to IFFI panel'

Mr. Lapid was invited to chair the jury at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa where *The Kashmir Files* was screened. The Israeli jury chief lashed out at the film and said, "We were, all of us, [jury members] disturbed and shocked by the 15th film, *Kashmir Files*, that felt to us like a vulgar propaganda movie inappropriate for an artistic competitive section of such a prestigious film festival."

In response, the Israeli envoy indicated that the filmmaker's criticism of the controversial film may affect sentiments in India, stating, "The friendship between the people and the states of India and Israel is very strong and will survive the damage you have inflicted. As a human being I feel ashamed and want to apologize to our hosts for the bad manner in which we repaid them for their generosity and friendship." "You will go back to Israel thinking that you are bold and 'made a statement'. We, the representatives of Israel, would stay here. You should see our DM boxes following your 'bravery' and what implications it may have on the team under my responsibility," he said.

Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Tuesday the movie had been politicised and more Kashmiri Pandits suffered after its release. "It was propaganda by one party against another," Mr. Raut alleged.

SIA to get 25.1% in AI as part of Vistara deal

"Vistara shall be merged with Air India post receipt of requisite approvals. The transaction is estimated to be completed by March 2024," Tata Sons said in a press statement. In the meantime, "it will be business as usual" for Vistara and its customers, its chief executive officer Vinod Kannan said. With this consolidation, the Air India group has the second-largest domestic market share of 25.9% behind only IndiGo, which controls 56.7% of domestic traffic. The group also has the highest international market share among Indian airlines of nearly 22.7%. It is the only Indian airline to operate both full-service and low-cost passenger services.

"We are excited with the opportunity of creating a strong Air India which would offer both full-service and low-cost service across domestic and international routes. We would like to thank Singapore Airlines for their continued partnership," said Tata Sons chairman N. Chandrasekaran.

"The combination of Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines will provide Air India with the requisite strategic expertise, industry capabilities, access to capital and determination to create an airline that India will be proud of," said Kapil Kaul, chief executive of aviation research and advisory firm CAPA India.

Manipur gambling dens slip more into illegality

The Blyth's tragopan is the State bird of adjoining Nagaland. "We are scanning the public places where such cases [of raffle draws] have been reported from. We have not detected any case after the report," Shanngam Shaliwo, the divisional forest officer concerned told *The Hindu*. The police, too, said they have not caught anyone gambling for a piece of wild meat so far.

Manipur forest department officials said that they have regularly been conducting awareness campaigns on wildlife crime and the offences prescribed for violating the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972. "We have been making public announcements banning the use of airguns and underlining the ills of poaching. We hope something positive will come out of it," a forest officer said.

EC to hear Shiv Sena dispute over name, symbol on Dec. 12

On November 15, the Delhi High Court had dismissed Uddhav Thackeray's petition against the Commission's order to freeze the party's name and symbol ahead of the byelection

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Earlier this month, the EC had allotted 'flaming torch' to the Thackeray group and 'sword and shield' to the Shinde faction

The Election Commission (EC), in an order on Tuesday, fixed December 12 as the date for the first hearing in the dispute over the name and bow-and-arrow symbol of the two warring Shiv Sena factions.

The commission, in interim orders on October 8 and November 12, called for details and documents from both factions by November 23 to bolster their respective claims under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968.

On November 15, the Delhi High Court had dismissed former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's plea against the EC's October 8 decision this year of freezing the bow-and-arrow symbol.

The petition had also sought an expeditious decision on the part of the commission regarding a decision on the dispute between Mr. Thackeray's camp and the other led by incumbent Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

Symbol allotment

While Mr. Thackeray's faction had been allotted a flaming torch, Mr. Shinde's was allowed a sword and shield as interim symbols for the Andheri East Assembly byelection won by the Thackeray camp earlier this month.

The election management body had asked both groupings to submit documentation to support their claim to the symbol by November 23 after which the EC had said it would hear the matter.

Both factions have now been further allowed time till 5 p.m. on December 9 to submit any further statement or documents regarding their respective claims, the Commission said.

Two lawyers become Additional Judges of Bombay High Court

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

A day after the Supreme Court expressed its disapproval about the delay by the Union government in appointing judges as per the Supreme Court Collegium, the Union Law Ministry on Tuesday notified the appointments of two judges to the Bombay High Court.

Advocates Santosh Govindrao Chapalgaonkar and Milind Manohar Sathaye have been elevated as Additional Judges of the High Court, said the Law Ministry. Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju took to Twitter to convey his best wishes to the new judges.

SC criticism

On Monday, the Supreme court had criticised the government for holding up the Collegium recommendations for months together.

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, the second seniormost Supreme Court judge and a Collegium member, said that the Chief Justices of several High Courts had complained about lawyers being unwilling to accept invitations to the Bench owing to the uncertainty posed by the government's inaction.

'India grew as a regional power in Indo-Pacific'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India has emerged as a regional power and net security provider in the Indo-Pacific as its capacity to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to its citizens and regional partners has grown, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Tuesday.

"We have strengthened multilateral partnerships through engagement via regional mechanisms. This has improved interoperability, enabling faster response in crisis situations," he said at the multi-agency Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise 'Samanvay 2022' in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

He noted that Asia, particularly the Indo-Pacific region, is vulnerable to the impact of climate change.

The exercise is being conducted by the Indian Air Force at the Agra Air Force Station from November 28 to 30.

In addition to various stakeholders within the country, representatives from the Association of South East Nations (ASEAN) nations are also attending the exercise.

AIIMS services remain disrupted for seventh straight day amid alleged ransomware attack on its servers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The services at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the national capital were carried out manually for the seventh consecutive day on Tuesday, after the hospital last week said its servers might have been subjected to a ransomware attack.

"The eHospital data has been restored on the servers. Network is being sanitised before the services can be restored. The process is taking some time due to the volume of data and large number of servers/computers for the hospital services. All hospital services, including outpatient, in-patient, laboratories, etc. continue to run on manual mode," the hospital said in a statement.

The AIIMS spokesperson, however, did not confirm or deny media reports that the hackers had allegedly demanded an estimated ₹200 crore in cryptocurrency from the hospital.

A senior officer at the Delhi Police Cyber Cell said an investigation was under way and the police were examining the AIIMS website apart from checking the database. He said measures would be taken to maintain cybersecurity. However, it was a time-taking process, considering the large volume of data on the website.

Last Wednesday, AIIMS said the National Informatics Centre team working at the institute had informed the institute that the servers were down and that it could be a ransomware attack.

Network down: A man carrying his baby outside the AIIMS, Delhi as the server of the hospital is down for the seventh consecutive day. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

On Thursday, Prashant Gautam, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Intelligence Fusion & Strategic Operations (IFSO), said they received information regarding the ransomware attack on the AIIMS servers and on that basis, a first information report under Section 385 (putting person in fear of injury in order to commit extortion) of the Indian Panel Code and Section 66/66F of the IT Act pertaining to computer-related offences, had been lodged with the IFSO against unknown persons.

There were long queues at the hospital on the first day of the attack as the server was down since morning. Though the situation got better, patients still had to spend more time in queues, according to doctors and nurses. A doctor said on the first day of the attack there was a lot of chaos and confusion, but the situation had improved now. The doctor said earlier appointments could be done online, but now it had to be done manually.

MMRCL can seek approval to fell 84 trees at Aarey: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday modified its status quo order on felling trees in the Aarey Colony, allowing Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (MMRCL) to pursue its application before the Tree Authority for permission to cut 84 trees for a train ramp at its metro car shed project.

"In such projects involving large outlay of public funds, the court cannot be oblivious to the serious dislocation which will be caused if the public investment which has gone into the project were to be disregarded... Undoubtedly, considerations pertaining to the environment are of concern because all development must, it is well-settled, be sustainable," a Bench of Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice P.S. Narasimha observed.

The court narrated the events which led to the State government's decision to first accept its Technical Committee report of 2015 and then rescind it later after receiving a communication from the Union Ministry of Urban Affairs in March 2022.

Extremism, terrorism are against meaning of Islam, says NSA

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Muslims clerics have a leading role in educating people about principles of Islam, Doval says

National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval said on Tuesday that extremism and terrorism were against the very meaning of Islam and opposition to such forces should not be painted as a confrontation with any religion. He sought civil society's cooperation in countering the threat from ISIS-inspired individual terror cells, and returnees from theatres such as Syria and Afghanistan.

He added that *ulemas* (clerics) had a leading role in educating people on the "original tolerant and moderate principles of Islam and countering extremism with progressive ideas and thought". Mr. Doval was speaking to a group of scholars and clerics from India and Indonesia on the "Role of Ulema in fostering a culture of interfaith peace and social harmony in India and Indonesia".

The Indonesian delegation was led by Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs, Mohammad Mahfud M.D., who held a dialogue with their Indian counterparts and other religious leaders at the India Islamic Cultural Centre on varied topics.

"Indonesia is the world's largest Islamic country and India is home to the third largest Muslim population in the world," he said.

"Extremism and terrorism are against the very meaning of Islam because Islam means peace and well-being. Opposition to such forces should not be painted as a confrontation with any religion. That is a ruse... India and Indonesia, with their experience of multi-faith harmony and co-existence, can send a joint message to the world to eschew violence and conflict," the NSA said.

BSF all-woman patrol team shoots down Pak. drone, seizes 3 kg of narcotics

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

An all-woman patrol team of the Border Security Force (BSF) shot down a drone that entered the Indian territory from Pakistan in the late hours of Monday. The drone suspected to be carrying narcotics was intercepted by two BSF constables when they were on patrolling duty at Dariya Mansor in Amritsar district of Punjab along the Pakistan border.

At 11.47 p.m. on Monday, the women troops deployed at the border heard the buzzing sound of a suspected drone coming from Pakistan. The women team fired two illumination bombs and 20 rounds were fired at the drone, a BSF official said. One of the bullets hit the drone and it fell down at a distance.

Recovered material

During the search operation, the BSF recovered a partially damaged hexacopter, an unmanned aerial vehicle weighing 18 kg with six rotors, lying in an agriculture field in Chaharpur village. Around three kg of suspected narcotics was recovered from the drone.

Brought to the ground: The hexacopter shot down near the India-Pakistan border on Tuesday. PTI

In another instance, the BSF troops intercepted a 20-kg drone in Tarn Taran district along the Pakistan border around 10 p.m. on Monday. The drone was carrying 7.5 kg of narcotics suspected to be heroin.

The BSF, the Punjab Police and the Union Home Ministry have on several occasions flagged the issue of smuggling of drugs from across the border through drones.

The BSF has deployed anti-drone technology at few locations but over the past two years there has been a substantial increase in sighting of drones along the Pakistan border.

The Punjab government had informed a Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs earlier this year that drones have been sighted over 133 times near Pakistan border in the last two years. It informed that the first recorded delivery of arms/ammunition by drone was in August, 2019.

Yudh Abhyas among five other bilateral Army drills on

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The Indian Army is currently engaged in bilateral exercises with five countries under way both inside and outside the country meant to improve interoperability with. The 18th edition of India-U.S. Army exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' which is under way at Auli in Uttarakhand, about 100 km from the Line of Actual Control, has entered the validation phase and is set to conclude this week.

Other exercises such as Ex Austra Hind with Australia are under way at Mahajan field firing ranges in Rajasthan from November 28 to December 11 and Ex Agni Warrior with Singapore at Deolali from November 13 to December 03. The outgoing exercises are Ex Harimau Shakti with Malaysia from November 28 to December 12 and Ex Garuda Shakti with Indonesia, between Special Forces began on November 21. Ex KazInd with Kazakhstan is scheduled in mid-December.

Kharge's remark on Modi draws BJP ire

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AHMEDABAD

The last day of campaigning for the first phase of the Assembly election in Gujarat saw the top leaders of the BJP and the Congress exchanging barbs, after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge demanded to know why only Prime Minister Narendra Modi remained the saffron party's face in all campaigns.

Addressing a poll rally in Ahmedabad, the Congress president said, "We see your (Modi's) face in corporation elections, MLA elections or MP elections, everywhere. Do you have 100 heads like Raavan?"

BJP leader Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel tweeted, "The statement made by Kharge ji against PM @narendramodi ji is testimony to their hate for Gujaratis."

Phase 1 campaign ends; Saurashtra and Kutch go to the polls tomorrow

Over 2.39 crore voters will decide the fate of 788 candidates in the fray for 89 seats in 19 districts; ruling BJP, Congress and new-entrant Aam Aadmi Party run a long-drawn but dull campaign punctuated by allegations and counter-allegations

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Campaigning for the first phase of the Gujarat Assembly election to be held on December 1 ended on Tuesday evening. As many as 788 candidates are in the fray for 89 seats in 19 districts in Saurashtra and south Gujarat.

Amid allegations and counter-allegations, a long-drawn campaign by the ruling BJP, the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party, the newest entrant in the political arena in the State, ended in what appears to be a dull election season compared with that in 2017, when the election was held against the backdrop of a massive agitation by the Patidars and another by the Other Backward Classes across the State.

Final push: (Left) Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant seeking votes for the BJP in Ahmedabad on Tuesday, while Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge campaigns for his party the previous day. PTI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP president J.P. Nadda were among those who campaigned on the last day.

Chief Electoral Officer P. Bharathi said all arrangements had been made for the first phase of polling on Thursday. "Polling will take place in 19 districts of Saurashtra and Kutch. Training has been provided to polling staff. Webcasting will be done at 50% polling booths," she said.

"Central paramilitary forces have also been deployed. A total of 2,39,76,760 voters will vote in the first phase of the election," she said. The second phase of the election will be held on December 5. A total of 833 candidates are in the fray for 93 seats. The counting of votes will take place on December 8, along with that of the Himachal Pradesh election.

Cong. turns down the volume, goes door to door

GROUND REPORT

Sandeep Phukan
SOMNATH/VERAVAL

The grand temple of Somnath forms the perfect setting to contrast the Congress's strategy for the Gujarat Assembly election in 2022 with its markedly different campaign in the previous election. During the 2017 campaign, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to the Somnath temple triggered a controversy after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) alleged that he had refused to identify himself as a Hindu. This, in turn, had prompted Randeep Surjewala, who was then heading the party's communication department, to say that Mr. Gandhi was a *janaeu dhari* (sacred thread-wearing) Brahmin.

"It's precisely to avoid such unnecessary controversies, the Congress has resorted to a silent campaign," says Ravi Khakkhat, a local journalist in the port town of Veraval, barely five km from the Somnath temple.

On Tuesday, the last day of campaigning for the 89 seats that go to the polls in the first phase on December 1, Somnath-Veraval witnessed a show of strength by the sitting Congress legislator, Bimal Chudasama, who took out a kilometre-long roadshow.

What was the one issue over which he is seeking re-election? "*Monghvari!*" The Gujarati word for price rise or inflation, he said, as his motorcade went past the Tower Chowk area of the town.

Door-to-door: Congress flags line the streets of a neighbourhood in Somnath as Gujarat goes to polls. VIJAY SONEJI

"The biggest issues for the people today are *mehangai* or inflation, corruption and unemployment. And we are concentrating only on these issues though the Prime Minister [Narendra Modi] and the Home Minister [Amit Shah] are trying their best to polarise on Hindu-Muslim lines. But these issues are not getting traction and won't work," Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee chief Jagdish Thakor told *The Hindu*.

"We are going door to door and pointing out the misgovernance of the BJP. Be it during the COVID pandemic or natural calamities such as the cyclone that affected farmers, governance was missing. And now, the cost of living is unbearable. People relate to these issues," Mr. Thakor said.

But many argue that the Congress's campaign seems muted in comparison to that of the ruling BJP, whose lead campaigner is the Prime Minister, or new entrant, Aam Admi Party (AAP), which has fielded Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal as its star campaigner.

The Congress has not only appointed senior leaders as zonal observers but has also appointed one for each of the 26 Lok Sabha seats to supervise its ground-level campaign

No one should be arrogant, SP replies to Adityanath's remarks

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

The Samajwadi Party (SP) on Tuesday hit back at Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over his "pendulum" jibe at Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohiya) president Shivpal Singh Yadav.

SP chief and former U.P. CM Akhilesh Yadav cautioned the BJP against arrogance. "Pendulum indicates changing times. It highlights nothing is permanent," Mr. Yadav wrote on social networking site Twitter.

On November 28, during a campaign in the Karhal Assembly segment that falls under the Mainpuri Lok Sabha constituency, Mr. Adityanath, obliquely referring to Shivpal Singh, had said, "He has become something like a pendulum, or a football that gets kicked by both teams. We saw how last time he was insulted on stage through denial of a chair and had to sit on the arm of a chair."

Mr. Adityanath asked voters to support BJP nominee Raghuraj Singh Shakya, a two-term Lok Sabha member from adjoining Etawah. "Development of Mainpuri can gain momentum if the local leadership is also from the BJP," added Mr. Adityanath, while alleging that during the SP's rule, the State was under the control of the land and mining mafia that had been nurtured by the party.

The Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat is considered a stronghold of the SP as it has won every parliamentary election since 1996. The SP's candidate for the prestigious seat is Dimple Yadav, the daughter-in-law of SP founder and five-term parliamentarian from the seat, the late Mulayam Singh Yadav.

Days after acrimony, Gehlot and Pilot share a platform ahead of Bharat Jodo Yatra State entry

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Days after Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot made some stinging remarks on his former deputy Sachin Pilot and called him a "traitor", the two Congress leaders appeared together in a show of solidarity here on Tuesday. Both of them affirmed that former party president Rahul Gandhi's *Bharat Jodo Yatra*, entering the State on December 4, would be an "outstanding success".

A meeting to review preparations for the yatra, attended by AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal, at the Congress 'war room' here brought the two feuding leaders together. While Mr. Venugopal said the Congress in Rajasthan was united, Mr. Gehlot made a mention of Mr. Gandhi's statement describing him and Mr. Pilot as "assets to the party". "When the message has come from our top leader, we will work in unison in the party's interest. This is the biggest virtue of Congress... When our leader says something, there is no scope [for doubt]. We will strengthen the party with full force," Mr. Gehlot told reporters after the meeting of Pradesh Congress's coordination committee for the yatra.

United front: K.C. Venugopal with Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot in Jaipur on Tuesday. PTI

Controversial remark

In an interview with NDTV last week, Mr. Gehlot had said the Congress high command would never make Mr. Pilot the Chief Minister because he had betrayed the party by staging a rebellion in 2020 and did not have even 10 MLAs with him.

Mr. Pilot later said in response that it was unbecoming of a senior leader to use such words and the Congress had lost Assembly elections twice under Mr. Gehlot's leadership.

Mr. Venugopal, a Rajya Sabha member elected from Rajasthan, came here on a day's visit apparently to resolve the infighting, bring the two warring factions together and oversee the preparations for the yatra.

Rahul Gandhi's long march is testing who will stay the course and how far

Varghese K. George
INDORE

The Narmada rippled calmly as chants invoking her blessings wafted through the nippy morning air and hundreds of people led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi crossed the Mortakka bridge to enter heartland India on Saturday.

Sunlight barely peered over the horizon. Mr. Gandhi had already marched some distance – his Bharat Jodo Yatra starts at 6 a.m. every day and covers around 15 km in the first two hours.

This is not for the faint-hearted or the weak-kneed – the pace is back-breaking, the terrain can be challenging. The yatra has covered 2,300 km by Tuesday, 83 days after starting from Kanniyakumari. The previous evening, Mr. Gandhi performed Narmada *aarti* at Omkareshwar where Adi Sankara found his guru. The BJP government in Madhya Pradesh is planning a statue of the sage from Kerala – Statue of Oneness – there. For the MP from Kerala too, this is a journey of discovery – of himself, his party and the people.

In his early phase in politics, Mr. Gandhi had tried to reform the Congress, but he gave up that idea when the party lost the 2019 Lok Sabha election. He quit as president and has refused to return.

Mr. Gandhi seems to be testing the endurance of his comrades. A woman carried her shoes in her hand after they came off and walked barefoot for several kilometres – one can't stop without dropping off. Dinesh Sharma, an ardent follower from Haryana, is walking barefoot from Kanniyakumari. He has vowed to remain shoeless until Mr. Gandhi becomes India's Prime Minister.

Along the way in his political life, an array of leaders who profited from association with Mr. Gandhi crossed over to other parties. Some have stuck around. Two fierce loyalists – Omkar Markam, a tribal MLA from Madhya Pradesh, and Jothimani, Lok Sabha member from Karur in Tamil Nadu – were in the close circle of Mr. Gandhi that day. "The media is hostile to Rahul*ji*. He's talking to the people directly through his yatra," Mr. Markam said. "These images will spread," he said, pointing to the people taking pictures in Barwaha town.

Walking on: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Indore on November 27. PTI

Mr. Gandhi stopped to listen to Shannu and her daughters – ragpickers in the town. "People find him accessible. Women feel safe and confident around him," Ms. Jothimani said.

Chirag Arora, an engineer, travelled from Bengaluru to join the yatra – for the third time. "I just want to be one of the thousands who believe in what he says," Mr. Arora said.

The party paradox

The frenetic yatra is also an escape for Mr. Gandhi from the malfunctioning Congress. One set of his advisers thinks electoral politics is meaningless or evil, even as factional rivalries and confused messaging bind the party in knots. Mr. Gandhi perhaps hopes to strengthen his own hands by drawing power from the people directly, and then deal with his recalcitrant colleagues. "That is the paradox of this yatra ... Can we achieve anything without the party," a close follower of Mr. Gandhi wondered.

"Yatras have shaped the destiny of this country for ages – be it of Buddha or Sankara or Mahatma Gandhi," another more optimist aide said.

A more immediate task is to tell the enemy from the companion. The CRPF human fence around him is on constant vigil, as are party volunteers trying to keep the leader safe. "Throw her out," a commander shouted as a woman breached a rope barrier and dashed towards Mr. Gandhi. The response was swift, the woman was removed faster than she arrived.

Only those cleared by his aides can move close to the leader, but every now and then someone lunges towards him and a commotion follows. Mr. Gandhi remains unfazed.

Anonymous threats of a bomb attack had the police on edge. In Mhow, Mr. Gandhi recalled how he lost his father and grandmother to violence – Rajiv Gandhi was killed by a suicide bomber who showed up as a party worker and Indira Gandhi by her bodyguards with whom Mr. Gandhi played badminton as a child. "I don't fear anyone. When you fear, you hate," Mr. Gandhi said.

Danger lurks. Friends may be fake but enemies are real. Mr. Gandhi hopes sheer determination will carry him forward.

The Upanishads implore the human to explore the real, the truth, his great-grandfather Jawaharlal Nehru wrote in *The Discovery of India*. "In the *Aitereya Brahmana* there is a hymn about this long endless journey which we must undertake, and every verse ends with the refrain: *Charaiveti, charaiveti* – 'Hence, O traveller, march along, march along!'"

The march is on. Long. Arduous. Lonely.

INBRIEF

Jagdanand Singh likely to continue as Bihar RJD chief

Ending speculation over who will be the next Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) State president for Bihar, the incumbent Jagdanand Singh on Tuesday reached the party office along with party leader and State Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav. Mr. Singh, a veteran party leader, was earlier said to be upset over his younger son Sudhakar Singh's resignation as the State's Agriculture Minister, and had stopped visiting the party office or attending party meetings since October 2.

NIA crackdown on terror syndicate continues

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at 13 locations in different States as part of an ongoing drive against the nexus between terrorists, gangsters and drug traffickers based in India and overseas. The searches were carried out in Punjab's Fazilka, Tarn Taran, Ludhiana, Sangrur and Mohali; Yamuna Nagar in Haryana; Sikar in Rajasthan; and Chandigarh, apart from some places in and around Delhi. This third round of searches, in which the premises of suspects Kaushal Chaudhary, Vishal Maan, Binny Gurjar, Ravi Rajgarh and their associates were covered, pertains to two cases registered in August.

President inaugurates International Gita Mahotsav

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday inaugurated the International Gita Mahotsav in Kurukshetra in Haryana and launched 'Nirogi Haryana', a health scheme, and an e-ticketing system for road transport facilities. She also laid the foundation stone for a medical college and hospital in Sirsa through the virtual mode. Ms. Murmu said that the State government, led by Chief Minister Manohar Lal, had brought a radical transformation in Haryana's growth and it had become one of the fastest developing States.

INBRIEF

Focus on accuracy over speed, Minister tells media

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Tuesday said presenting authentic information was the prime responsibility of the media, stating that with the expansion of social media, fake news had proliferated. Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union General Assembly-2022, the Minister said, "While the speed with which information is transmitted is important, accuracy is even more important and should be primary in the minds of communicators." He added the Indian government has promptly established a "fact-check unit" in the Press Information Bureau to counter unverified claims and present truth to the people.

Adani Group bags bid to redevelop Dharavi slums

The Adani Group has won the bid to redevelop Dharavi, one of the largest slum clusters in the world, with an initial investment of ₹5,069 crore. It outbid the DLF Group, which had quoted ₹2,025 crore, S.V.R. Srinivas, chief executive officer of the Dharavi Redevelopment Project, said on Tuesday. The bid by the Adani Group is the initial investment in the ₹20,000-crore project, and according to the bid criteria, the company will have to form a special purpose vehicle. Thereafter, 20% of this initial investment will have to be submitted before signing the development agreement, and an additional 20% on submitting an integrated master plan.

New Sundarbans district to come up, says Mamata

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said her government was creating a new district of Sundarbans and working on a master plan with the Centre to prevent river erosion in the region. The Chief Minister was addressing a gathering at Hingalganj in North 24 Parganas district. A proposal for creating a separate district of Sundarbans that is located in the southernmost part of South 24 Parganas and North 24 Parganas districts has been waiting for some time. The Sundarbans with islands, creeks and a mangrove forest, including a tiger reserve, is home to about five million people.

'Govt. not liable to pay for COVID-19 vaccine deaths'

The government cannot be held liable to pay compensation for deaths due to the administration of COVID-19 vaccines, the Centre has told the Supreme Court. "Holding the state directly liable to provide compensation under the narrow scope of strict liability for extremely rare deaths occurring due to AEFIs (adverse events following immunisation) from the use of vaccines may not be legally sustainable," the affidavit said. The government said information was made freely available in the public domain by both the vaccine manufacturer and the Health Ministry. More information could be had on asking health workers at vaccination centres, it said.

Telangana gets recovery notice for taking up works not allowed under MGNREGS

Union Rural Development Ministry asks State government to return ₹151.9 crore spent on construction of platforms for drying fish and grain, in the name of foodgrain storage yards

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Response to violation: The Centre, in its notice, threatened to take action against the State under Section 27 of the MGNREGA.

The Union Rural Development Ministry has served notice on the Telangana government to return ₹151.9 crore spent under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme on construction of platforms for drying fish and grain which is not permitted under the scheme.

A Central team carried out investigations in the State between June 9 and 12. The team visited Kamareddy, Nalgonda, Khammam, Jangaon and Hanumakonda, surveyed 12 gram panchayats in 10 blocks of these districts and carried out sample checks at 47 worksites.

Based on the team's observations, a report was sent to the State asking for clarifications. Following the State government's clarifications, the total amount of recovery was reduced from ₹154.5 crore to 151.9 crore.

The team observed that the drying platforms were built under the name of foodgrain storage building, while no such building was found at the work site. Such platforms, the team noted, were constructed on individual beneficiary lands. This work is not one of the 265 permitted under the MGNREGS. A total of 22,613 such platforms were constructed, and the team found work ongoing on another 17,250.

The Centre, in its notice, threatened to take action against the State under Section 27 of the MGNREGA that empowers it to give directions to the State for the effective implementation of the Act. A similar action was taken earlier this year against West Bengal.

Rural Development secretary Nagendra Nath Sinha dismissed the allegation that only States ruled by the BJP had been targeted. Mr. Sinha told *The Hindu*, "Between August and September this year, we have investigated ongoing works in 114 districts on several counts including tallying the expenditure versus physical reality."

NITI Aayog proposes decarbonising of industrial emissions

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS), the technology for decarbonising emissions from high polluting sectors such as steel, cement, oil, gas, petrochemicals, chemicals and fertilizers, has a critical role to play for the country to halve carbon dioxide emissions by 2050, says a report on the policy framework of the CCUS prepared by the NITI Aayog and MN Dastur & Company.

The report, released here on Tuesday by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Suman K. Bery, said the CCUS technology would help in promoting the low carbon-hydrogen economy and in removal of the CO2 stock from the atmosphere.

Mr. Bery said the key challenge would be to reduce the cost of the mechanisms to implement the technology. "NITI Aayog will try to develop a consensus with other Ministries on the matter," he said. "We need a sustainable solution for the decarbonisation of sectors that contribute to 70% of emission. CCUS has an important and critical role to play in it, especially for India to accomplish net-zero by 2070."

Mr. Bery said CCUS could enable the production of clean products while utilising rich endowments of coal, reducing imports and thus leading to a self-reliant India economy. "CCUS also has an important role to play in enabling sunrise sectors such as coal gasification and the nascent hydrogen economy in India," he added.

Power Secretary Alok Kumar said the focus should be on research and development, particularly on cutting-edge technologies. "NTPC has taken some R&D projects. Ministry has supported it," Mr. Kumar said.

NITI Aayog Member V.K. Saraswat said that through the technology, CO2 coming from various thermal power plants or industrial plants would be captured.

The report said the key to a successful CCUS implementation was to enact a policy framework that supported the creation of sustainable and viable markets for CCUS projects.

UNDP to help waste segregation workers access govt. schemes

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A key objective of the programme is to help move the sector from informal to formal

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is helping workers in the waste segregation industry in India to move into the formal economy, by helping them access government welfare programmes.

As part of the initiative, United Nations Under-Secretary-General Usha Rao-Monari will distribute "Jan Dhan" account kits to waste segregation workers on December 1 during her first visit to the country.

The opening of the accounts has been facilitated through the UNDP's plastic waste management programme.

The programme promotes the collection, segregation, and recycling of all plastics to move towards a circular economy.

The programme also ensures the well-being and financial inclusion of the *Safai Sathis* or waste-pickers, by linking them to social protection schemes.

According to the UN agency, a key objective of the programme is to help move the sector from informal to formal. So, the UNDP has been assisting the *Safai Saathis*, who contribute immensely to resource management and yet occupy the lowest rung of the ladder of the circular economy.

This is done by linking the workers to social protection schemes such as the Jan Dhan accounts, Aadhaar cards, Ayushman Bharat, pension schemes and scholarships for children.

India and Bangladesh establish contact as more Kuki-Chin refugees are expected to enter Mizoram

Vijaita Singh
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NEW DELHI

Behind influx: The members of the community fled Bangladesh following a crackdown against the Kuki-Chin fighters.

Ten days after the first batch of over 270 Kuki-Chin refugees crossed over to India fearing an attack from Bangladesh security forces, government officials estimate that 150 more refugees are expected to seek shelter in Mizoram in the next few days. A source said India and Bangladesh are aware of the unique seriousness of the issue and are in contact with each other.

A senior government official told *The Hindu* that 21 Kuki-Chin members had entered Mizoram on November 27, taking the total number of refugees to 293 so far.

While civil society groups and the State government have made arrangements for the stay of refugees in schools in Mizoram, the Union Home Ministry is yet to take a concrete decision on their repatriation.

A government official said that since India is not a signatory to the United Nations Refugee Convention of 1951 and its 1967 Protocol and does not recognise refugees, undocumented migrants are liable to be prosecuted for violating the Foreigners Act.

The members of the community from the Chittagong Hill Tract Area in Bangladesh fled the country after the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) began a crackdown against the Kuki-Chin fighters, an armed wing of the Kuki-Chin National Front, a political body that seeks various safeguards, and protection, for the community.

Fighters of the Kuki-Chin National Front had received financial support from Jama'atul Ansar Fil Hindal Sharqiya (JAFHS), a fundamentalist organisation of Bangladesh, informed sources have shared with *The Hindu*. Dhaka believes that the Kuki-Chin fighters had arms training but were short of financial resources, which was supplied to them by the JAFHS.

"We believe the religious fundamentalist group had access to finances that it has extended to the Kuki-Chin groups. This fact was revealed by some of the members of the group during interrogation by the anti-terror forces of the Government of Bangladesh," a source familiar with the financial network between various such groups active in the region said. Bangladesh carried out the special armed campaign in October to nab the cadre of the KCNF from the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

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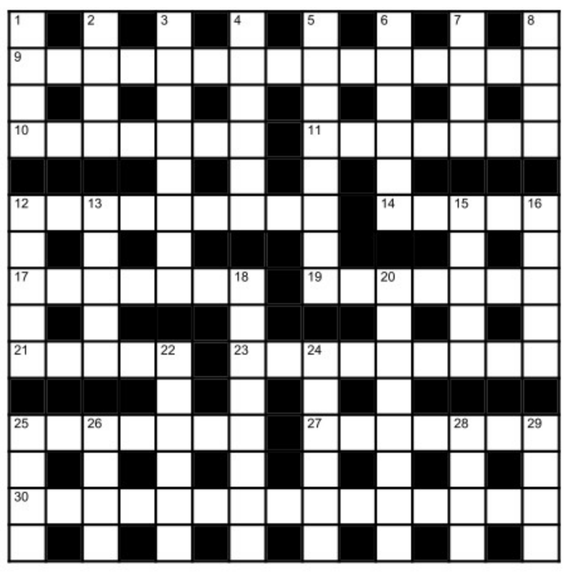

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14 Recall I've read about organ (5)
17 Legendary being secure like setters (7)
19 Spooner disqualified filthy place for champion (5,2)
21 Back America and free country (5)
23 Criminal in bar had drunk with liberal author (5,4)
25 Make enchilada without essentially flat spiny creature (7)
27 Batter, reportedly first person behind model's husband! (7)
30 Less sensitive to go through cold and conservative lady's accountants, say (6,9)

Down

1 Winners run out of contests (4)
2 Gent keeping spectacles to fix (4)
3 Nags man softly blocking kisses (8)
4 Fresh milk used before finishing breakfast dish (6)
5 Plants where spirits may reside? (8)
6 Son climbing above edges slowly to scribble (6)
7 Monster starts to open ghastly red eyes (4)
8 Row in fine stream (4)
12 Heads of many monkeys (5)
13 Pushed drug travelling around East (5)
15 Somewhat weak doves raising spirit (5)
16 Currency including yen in den from South (5)
18 Starting to shoot, crazy chap ran to village chieftain (8)
20 Public hearing (8)
22 Agreed to take up study drinking rum (6)
24 Regularly deflect return serve at line (6)
25 Running between players for ages (4)
26 Song that guy heard (4)
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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Gunavaan

Lord Narayana reclines in the Milky Ocean, from where He takes His vibhava avataras. This ocean is like a nursery, where seeds are planted, take root, and the seedlings are later transplanted to a field.

Kooratazhvan's Atimanusha stava focuses on the Lord's vibhava avataras, said Elayavilli Sriram, in a discourse. In the very first sloka, Kooratazhvan talks of the Lord's quality of 'seela.' This is nothing but the quality we know as sauseelya. It is His most significant quality. In the Ramayana, sage Valmiki asks Narada, who in this earth, may be said to be gunavaan, veeryavaan (person of valour), dharmavaan (adherent of dharma), kritagnya (one who remembers goodness shown to him), satyavaakyah (speaks only the truth), and dhridavrittah (has determination). Gunavaan could refer to any quality, which makes Him virtuous. But what is that particular quality which is His distinguishing feature? That quality is sauseelya, and that is what Valmiki is referring to here, when he says 'gunavaan.'

For all other qualities of the Lord, we say the quality of courage, or the quality of patience. But when we just say guna, without qualifying it further, it is a reference to His sauseelya. It was this quality that made Him befriend Guha and Sugreeva. He even welcomed into His camp Vibhishana, the brother of the demon who had abducted Sita. Not only did He make friends with Guha, but also saw him as yet another brother. Most importantly, whether in the Rama or the Krishna avataras, when He was friendly with simple people, without a high rank in society, He never thought that He was descending to their level and doing them a favour. He was on equal terms with them.

TOKYO

Japan PM wants defence Budget to reach 2% of GDP by 2027

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has told his Cabinet to increase defence spending to 2% of GDP by 2027, up from a long-standing level of around 1%. Mr. Kishida announced it to his defence and finance ministers late on Monday, as Japan overhauls its security strategies to address growing threats from China. AFP

DOHA

Qatar announces deal to supply natural gas to Germany from 2026

AP

Qatar on Tuesday announced to send liquefied natural gas to Germany as Europe scrambles to find alternatives to Russian energy sources. Qatar's Energy Minister Saad Sherida al-Kaabi said up to two million tonnes of gas a year would be sent for at least 15 years from 2026, and that QatarEnergy was discussing other deals. AFP

SINGAPORE

Singapore lifts gay sex ban, blocks marital equality for LGBTQ people

REUTERS

Singapore's Parliament decriminalised homosexuality on Tuesday, but amended the Constitution bolstering the existing definition of marriage as between a man and a woman, closing the door on equal marital rights for LGBTQ people. The old law penalised relations between gay people with jail time of up to two years. AFP

TEHRAN

Iran Guards General says more than 300 dead in Amini unrest

Iran has for the first time reported that more than 300 people have died in over two months of protests sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini in morality police custody. The Islamic republic has deployed state security forces against what it labels "riots" that broke out after the 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian died on September 16. AFP

Beijing to defuse protests with carrots and sticks, pushes vaccine

Chinese health officials unveil plan to boost vaccination rates among the elderly, reduce the interval between doses from six months to three. Of the 30 million Chinese population aged 80 and above, 65% had completed three doses, say sources

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Under watch: A COVID-prevention worker guarding the entrance of a residential compound placed under lockdown in Beijing, China, on Tuesday. AP

China's government on Tuesday said it would launch a new push to vaccinate the elderly - a key step that would enable an eventual easing of the unpopular "zero-COVID" policy - while also pledging to crack down on activities that "disrupt social order".

The ruling Chinese Communist Party leadership has not yet directly commented on the widespread and unprecedented protests over the weekend in cities across China but has appeared to respond with a two-pronged approach to deal with rising public anger over continuing lockdown restrictions.

On Tuesday, health officials unveiled a plan to boost vaccination rates among the elderly, a key metric that the government has cited to justify the "zero-COVID" policy warning that opening up would lead to mass deaths.

Officials said of the 30 million Chinese aged 80 and above, 65% had completed the three doses of Chinese vaccines required to prevent hospitalisation and death, up from 40% last month. The push would continue to vaccinate the vulnerable, focusing for instance on nursing homes, and would now reduce the interval between doses from six months to three, the National Health Commission said, even as the country continues to deal with a COVID-19 wave of 40,000 daily cases.

Officials of the commission at a daily briefing indirectly acknowledged the protests and called on local officials to better respond to "reasonable" requests from the public. Cheng Youquan, an official of the National Disease Control and Prevention Administration, said "the problems highlighted by the public" were "not aimed at the epidemic prevention but focus on simplifying prevention and control measures".

China's security officials have, however, struck a harder tone, reflecting the other side of the response to the protests. With a heavy deployment of security personnel in many Chinese cities including Beijing and Shanghai, the protests of the weekend have not been reported. On Monday, a gathering in Hangzhou in the east was broken up by a heavy deployment of police.

'Maintain stability'

On Monday, Politburo member Chen Wenqing who heads the powerful Central Political and Legal Committee that controls law enforcement including the police, told a meeting of the committee that political and legal organs needed "to resolutely maintain national security and social stability." "It is necessary to resolve contradictions and disputes in a timely manner to help solve the actual difficulties of the people," he said, "and it is necessary to resolutely combat hostile forces, resolutely combat crimes that disrupt the social order, and effectively maintain the stability of the overall social situation."

Several universities have said they will send students home early for the winter break and even pay for their journeys home, in a bid to defuse the protests seen on more than 50 campuses. Police in several cities have also been conducting random checks of smartphones for banned apps such as Telegram, which were believed to have been used to share information and organise some of the gatherings that called for an end to lockdowns.

Chinese billionaire Jack Ma 'living in Japan', says report

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BEIJING

Chinese billionaire and Alibaba founder Jack Ma has been living in Japan amid the Chinese government's ongoing crackdown on technology companies, according to a report on Tuesday.

The usually high-profile Mr. Ma has stayed away from the public spotlight in China for more than two years and has avoided public engagements, coinciding with regulatory probes targeting e-commerce giant Alibaba and its financial payments arm Alipay.

Jack Ma

Mr. Ma has been living in Japan for at least six months, the *Financial Times* reported on Tuesday.

He has also kept a low-profile in Tokyo, where he is living with his family, along with his private chef and security, and "keeping public activities to a minimum".

Mr. Ma limits his engagements to visiting a few exclusive private clubs and spends his time painting and collecting modern art, the report said.

Many wealthy Chinese have left the country since 2020, to avoid the continuing "zero-COVID" pandemic restrictions that have both disrupted life in China and made it difficult for Chinese to travel abroad.

International flights are yet to return to normal while all foreign arrivals are still made to undergo quarantine.

Five Palestinians killed, Israeli soldier wounded in West Bank

Agence France-Presse
RAMALLAH

Israeli troops shot dead four Palestinians in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday, Palestinian officials said, before a suspected car-ramming attacker was killed after wounding an Israeli soldier, Israeli medics and the Army said.

The Army confirmed its troops had fired on "rioters" who attacked soldiers in two separate clashes in the West Bank overnight.

The 20-year-old woman soldier was "moderately injured and evacuated to a hospital for medical treatment" following the suspected car-ramming north of Jerusalem, the Army said. Jerusalem's Shaare Tzedek hospital confirmed the alleged attacker had been killed.

The West Bank has suffered spiralling violence this year, with near daily Israeli Army raids leading to scores of deaths.

General Asim Munir

New Army chief takes charge in Pak.

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

General Asim Munir, a former ISI head, assumed charge as the Pakistan Army chief on Tuesday, at a time when the cash-strapped country was in the midst of a political slugfest between the government and Opposition leader Imran Khan.

General Munir replaced General Qamar Javed Bajwa, who retired after serving two consecutive three-year terms as the Army chief in the coup-prone country, where the military wields considerable power in matters of security and foreign policy.

The new Army chief would have to tackle a host of problems, including the threat from militants. He takes charge a day after the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) called off an indefinite ceasefire agreed with the government and ordered to carry out attacks across the country.

U.K. govt. summons Chinese envoy over journalist's detention

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The Chinese Ambassador to the U.K., Zheng Zeguang, was summoned by the British government on Tuesday following the assault and detention of *BBC* journalist Ed Lawrence by the police on Sunday, while he was covering protests against COVID lockdowns in Shanghai.

U.K. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly had instructed officials to summon Mr. Zheng to account for Mr. Lawrence's arrest, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) confirmed to *The Hindu*.

Mr. Cleverly, who was in Romania on Tuesday, emphasised the importance of protecting media freedoms.

Media freedom

"It is incredibly important that we protect media freedom. It is something very much at the heart of the U.K.'s belief system, and it is incredibly important that journalists can go about their business unmolested and without fear of attack," he said as per a *Reuters* report.

The FCDO also said it was in touch with Mr. Lawrence, who has since been released, and local authorities.

A Chinese Embassy (U.K.) spokesperson said "foreign journalists need to consciously follow Chinese laws and regulations" in a statement posted to the embassy website.

'End of golden era'

Outlining his foreign policy for the first time on Monday night, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak had said the "golden era" in Britain's relationship with China was over, and that the competition with Beijing needed to be managed, including with diplomacy and engagement. He also said competitors must be met with "robust pragmatism"

"Instead of listening to their people's protests, the Chinese government has chosen to crack down further....including by assaulting a BBC journalist," Mr. Sunak told attendees at a dinner organised by the mayor of London's financial district, the City of London.

Former Conservative party leader and Tory backbench MP, Ian Duncan Smith, said on Monday that Mr. Sunak's planned approach of "robust pragmatism" was "getting pretty close to appeasement".

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
BIRRD Trust Hospital, Tirupati. e- TENDER NOTICE

BIRRD Trust Hospital, TTD, Tirupati is inviting e-Tenders from the eligible Manufacturers/ Firms/ Authorized Distributors for the work "Rate Contract for Supply of Spine Implants on Consignment Case to Case Basis toBIRRD Trust Hospital, TTD, Tirupati for a period of Two Years NIT Roc.No TTD-104021(31)/41/2022-BIRRD & Tender ID No.: 561743 in AP eProc. Portal. Date of upload of Tender on **30-11-2022** and bid closing date: **13-12-2022.** For details log on to Web site **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in/** & **http://www.tirumala.org/ Contact No: 9849417888.**

Roc.No.PR4/13948/Adv.No.299/PRO/2022, Dated:29-11-2022 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-28/14801/2022-23 **Date: 28.11.2022**

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Sl. No	Name of the Work	Category
1	2	3
1	Construction of Compound Wall towards left side of CA-plot 90/A at Kunigal Industrial Area, Phase-I, Kunigal Taluk, Tumakuru District.	Others
2	Sinking of 5 no's Borewells in Sira Industrial Area, Sira Taluk, Kasaba Hobli, Tumakuru District	Others
3	Construction of RCC lead off drain in place of collapsed SSM Drain in along plot no 24 and 23A in Nidige Industrial Area, Shivamogga District.	Others
4	Linking of existing 11KV feeders to newly commissioned 66/11KV KIADB Sub-Station at Vemgal Industrial Area, Kolar District.	SC
5	Providing LED Street Light arrangements from KIADB office circle upto Pharma SEZ along NH median at Hassan Growth Centre Industrial Area, Hassan Taluk & District.	ST
6	Repair, Reconditioning, upgradation & one time maintenance of street lights at Jigani Industrial Area, 2nd phase, Bengaluru Urban District.	SC

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Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

उत्तराखण्ड राज्य आपदा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण
उत्तराखण्ड सचिवालय देहरादून

संख्याः 1464/USDMA 974(2022) देहरादूनः दिनांकः 28 नवम्बर 2022

प्रतिनियुक्ति/संविदा के पदों हेतु संशोधित विज्ञप्ति

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(डॉ० रंजीत कुमार सिन्हा)
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Tender Notice No.52/2022-23/SE(W-II)/EE-IV/DB/GVMC, Dt:21-11-2022

Number of works	:	1 No
Value of work	:	Rs.102.78 Lakhs
Tender Opening Date	:	24-11-2022
Closing Date	:	09-12-2022

Note: Further details at http://www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in
O/o the EE-IV Cell No.8187897572 **SE(Works)-II**

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No.	Tender ID	Items
1	2022_KMML_531935_1	For the supply of CS PIPE
2	2022_KMML_531096_1	For fabrication and supply of Pre-Treatment Sump Scrubbing System
3	2022_KMML_530597_1	For the supply of FRP Filter Feed Tank-1 no's
4	2022_KMML_529619_1	For fabrication and supply of Crude Tickle Storage Tank F-1217
5	2022_KMML_529613_1	For the supply of Inconel Hair Pin Bend & Inconel L Bend
6	2022_KMML_529617_1	For fabrication and supply of Crude Quench Surge Tank F-204
7	2022_KMML_533414_1	For the supply of 210L Nominal Capacity M.S Open Top Drums with Lid, Oring/Gasket and Clamping Ring
8	2022_KMML_533381_1	Excavation of iron oxide from third pond in as is where is condition and shifting to old ponds in KMML
9	2022_KMML_533151_1	For the supply of Refractory Castable
10	2022_KMML_532302_1	For the supply of 1100V grade XLPE insulated PVC Sheathed Steel armoured Aluminum conductor cable

Chavara 29.11.2022 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

INBRIEF

'ONGC, OIL gas price to be capped at $6.5 for 5 years'

A government-appointed gas price review panel, led by Kirit Parikh, is recommending a floor and ceiling price for natural gas produced from legacy fields of state-owned firms for five years. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) will be paid a minimum or floor price of $4 per million British thermal unit and a cap or ceiling price of $6.5 as against the current rate of $8.57, three sources said. PTI

NDTV says Prannoy, Radhika Roy resign as RRPR directors

NDTV Ltd. on Tuesday told the stock exchanges that it had been informed by promoter group entity RRPR Holding Pvt. Ltd. that Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy had stepped down as directors. In a regulatory filing on Monday, NDTV had said that RRPR had issued 99.5% shares to the Adani group that would give the latter 29.18% stake in the media firm. Adani is also conducting an open offer running up to December 5 for an additional 26% stake in NDTV.

TVS Motor unveils 2023 TVS Apache bike at ₹1.30 lakh

TVS Motor Company rolled out the 2023 Special Edition of its popular motorcycle 160 4V Apache RTR. The motorcycle, in pearl white, is priced at ₹1.30 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi) and available at dealerships across the country. The bike comprises dual-tone seat, adjustable clutch and brake levers and rear radial tyre, among many other features. The bike comprises a 'lightweight bullpup muffler,' enhancing the RTR exhaust, increasing the power-to-weight ratio with one kilogram weight reduction. PTI

'Slow capital spending by States, CPSEs is still a worry'

Sharp surge in Centre's capex in past 18 months does not imply higher public sector capex, which is what matters for the economy, point out economists at financial services firm Motilal Oswal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Despite a sharp rise in the Centre's capital spending, underwhelming capex growth in States and a likely drop in investments by central public sector enterprises, could drag India's total public capital expenditure to a multi-year low.

"The sharp surge in the Centre's capex over the past 18 months or so does not imply higher public sector capex, which is what matters for the economy," economists at Motilal Oswal said in a research note. "While the Centre's capex is budgeted to rise in 2022-23, it is likely to contract for the third consecutive year for CPSEs and remain... stable for States," they noted. "Public sector capex is likely to fall to an 8-year low of 5.7% of GDP in FY23," they added. Public sector capex was 6% of GDP in FY22.

The Centre's capex had spiked to 2.3% of GDP last year and touched 2.5% for the first half of this year.

ICRA's study on States' finances showed revenue deficits had narrowed sharply for 18 major States so far in FY23, but capital outlays had risen a mere 2.2% in the first half, a far cry from their aim to raise capex by almost 38%.

Slowing pace

Weak growth in States' capex and a likely drop in investments by CPSEs could drag overall public sector capex to a multi-year low

- Capex likely to contract for third consecutive year for CPSEs
- Expenditure will remain broadly stable for States
- Public sector capex is likely to fall to eight-year low
- Centre's capex had spiked to 2.3% of GDP last year and rose to 2.5% of GDP for the first half of this year

N.K. Singh bats for universal health cover

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Fifteenth Finance Commission chairperson N.K. Singh on Tuesday called for a substantial increase in budgetary allocations for the health sector and restructuring of centrally sponsored schemes to enable greater flexibility for States.

Mooting the inclusion of 'health' in the Concurrent list under the Constitution, Mr. Singh also made a pitch for universalising health insurance to capture 'the missing middle' – people who are not rich enough to buy private health cover nor poor enough to qualify for government schemes.

'Avoid complacency'

While India's response to the pandemic may have taken the 'world by surprise', it should not lull policymakers into a state of complacency, Mr. Singh cautioned, citing uncertainties and the need to address 'endemic' issues beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There is no getting away from the fact that public outlays in the health sector need to be substantially augmented. We need to enhance public outlays (on health) to 2.5% of GDP by 2025," he said at the CII Health Summit.

This, he explained, would entail a major jump over this year's Budget numbers and require States to target 8% of their budgets towards the health sector, which was 'a daunting challenge'.

SEBI limits active debt funds' single firm exposure

Reuters
MUMBAI

SEBI has placed caps on the share of assets an actively-managed fund can park in a single company's debt instruments.

"To avoid inconsistency in investment by mutual funds (MF) in debt instruments, irrespective of the scheme being actively or passively managed, it has been decided to introduce a similar credit rating-based single-issuer limit for actively-managed MF schemes," SEBI said.

Retail pilot for digital rupee to start Dec. 1

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday announced that the first pilot for the retail version of the digital Rupee (e₹-R) would be introduced on December 1, 2022.

The pilot would cover select locations in closed user groups comprising participating customers and merchants. The e₹-R would be in the form of a digital token that represents legal tender.

It would be issued in the same denominations as paper currency and coins are currently issued and would be distributed via banks. "Users will be able to transact with e₹-R through a digital wallet offered by the participating banks and stored on mobile phones / devices," the RBI said.

Transactions can be both Person-to-Person and Person-to-Merchant. Payments to merchants can be made using QR codes displayed at merchant locations. The first phase will begin with State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank and IDFC First Bank in Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar.

Domestic air traffic crosses 4 lakh-mark for 2 days in a row

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

In signs that the country's civil aviation sector is recovering well, domestic carriers flew more than four lakh passengers for two consecutive days.

After being severely hit by COVID-19, air traffic is picking up but is yet to reach the pre-COVID level when the daily average passenger number was more than four lakh. Currently, the average is about 3.70 lakh, a Civil Aviation Ministry official said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	62,682	0.28
US Dollar	81.72	-0.04
Gold	52,837	0.02
Brent oil	85.11	3.11

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3878.40	-7.75
Adani Ports	878.20	-0.40
Apollo Hosp	4719.20	-2.65
Asian Paints	3135.05	-16.15
Axis Bank	892.55	0.85
Bajaj Auto	3660.10	-16.60
Bajaj Finserv	1632.00	-20.85
Bajaj Finance	6734.15	-43.30
Bharti Airtel	835.85	-1.55
BPCL	339.05	-1.70
Britannia Ind	4285.35	72.30
Cipla	1121.15	19.40
Coal India	227.20	-2.65
Divis Lab	3372.70	-2.85
Dr Reddys Lab	4453.35	51.35
Eicher Motors	3416.10	-25.30
Grasim Ind	1719.15	2.20
HCL Tech	1128.95	10.15
HDFC	2665.25	6.55
HDFC Bank	1597.85	-2.40
HDFC Life	584.85	-1.15
Hero MotoCorp	2828.25	44.75
Hindalco	435.95	4.80
Hind Unilever	2634.20	109.00
ICICI Bank	946.75	9.35
IndusInd Bank	1180.60	-17.25
Infosys	1629.05	5.65
ITC	342.30	2.25
JSW Steel	732.55	16.90
Kotak Bank	1925.55	-2.60
L&T	2050.55	-13.90
M&M	1257.10	6.40
Maruti Suzuki	8910.20	-75.20
NestleIndia	20121.20	305.75
NTPC	170.15	-0.25
ONGC	140.25	0.65
PowerGrid Corp	219.35	-1.95
Reliance Ind	2712.20	4.65
SBI Life	1258.40	4.90
State Bank	608.55	-0.05
Sun Pharma	1049.85	15.10
TataConsumerProduct	805.05	0.75
Tata Motors	433.15	-0.10
Tata Steel	106.10	1.20
TCS	3397.35	2.10
Tech Mahindra	1074.55	-2.65
Titan	2613.75	21.50
UltraTech Cement	6928.90	36.60
UPL	774.85	-4.80
Wipro	405.15	-0.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 29

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.52	81.84
Euro	84.55	84.89
British Pound	97.86	98.25
Japanese Yen (100)	59.05	59.29
Chinese Yuan	11.38	11.42
Swiss Franc	85.84	86.18
Singapore Dollar	59.37	59.61
Canadian Dollar	60.57	60.81
Malaysian Ringitt	18.07	18.17
Australian Dollar	54.88	55.09

Source:Indian Bank

Sundaram Home to lift deposit rates from Dec. 1

Press Trust of India
CHENNAI

Sundaram Home Finance (SHF) is set to raise the interest rates it pays on fixed deposits with effect from December 1.

SHF said it will increase rates by 50 basis points for trusts, individuals (7.15% against 6.65%) and senior citizens (7.50% against 7%) on deposits for 12 months.

For senior citizens, SHF would revise the rates to 7.50% (7.35%) for tenures of 24 months, 7.80% (7.65%) for 36 months and 8% (7.90%) for 48 months.

"Depositors may find this fourth upward revision attractive," SHF MD Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy said in a statement.

Finished steel imports from Russia hit 4-year high in April-October

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India's finished steel imports from Russia during April-October rose to their highest in at least four years, government data compiled by Reuters showed, underscoring Moscow's bid to divert shipments in the wake of Western sanctions.

Russia's steel exports to India reached 1,49,000 tonnes in the first seven months of the current fiscal that began in April, up from about 34,000 tonnes shipped a year earlier.

Russia accounted for just about 5% of India's total steel imports but was among the top five exporters.

JSW Steel Ltd., India's largest steelmaker by capacity, said six to seven distressed Russian steel shipments arrived during the current fiscal year.

Other than buying large quantities of steel from Russia, Indian firms have also been importing coking coal from Moscow.

FinMin calls for meet on cross-border rupee trade

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry has convened a meeting of CEOs of banks, including top six private sector lenders, on December 5 to discuss ways to promote cross-border trade using the rupee instead of the U.S. dollar.

Sources also said the meeting to be attended by other stakeholders, including senior officials of External Affairs and Commerce Ministries, will review the progress made so far.

Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi will be chairing the meeting. It is likely to see attendance from representatives of the Reserve Bank of India and Indian Banks' Association.

Sanctions-hit Russia said to ask India for parts for cars, aircraft

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Moscow has sent India a list of more than 500 products for potential delivery including parts for cars, aircraft and trains, four sources familiar with the matter said, as sanctions squeeze Russia's ability to run vital industries.

The list is provisional and it is unclear how many items will eventually be exported, but an Indian government source said the request was unusual in its scope.

India is keen to boost trade in this way, said the source, as it tries to narrow a ballooning trade deficit

with Russia. Some companies have expressed concern, however, about potentially falling foul of Western sanctions.

An industry source in Moscow, who declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the issue, said Russia's Ministry of Industry and Trade asked large companies to supply lists of raw materials and equipment they needed.

The source added that further discussion would be needed to agree specifications and volumes and that the outreach was not limited to India.

Russia's requests were made weeks ahead of Indian Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to Moscow starting Nov. 7, two of the Indian sources said. It was not immediately clear what was conveyed by him to Russia during the visit.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has not joined Western countries in openly criticising Moscow for the war in Ukraine, and has sharply increased purchases of Russian oil that have cushioned it from some of the impact of sanctions.

During the Moscow visit, Mr. Jaishankar said India needed to boost exports to Russia to balance bilateral trade that is now tilted towards Russia.

Western sanctions have crippled supplies of some crucial products in Russia.

Airlines are experiencing an acute shortage of parts because almost all planes are foreign-made.

For aircraft, Russia requested items including landing gear parts, fuel systems, communication systems and life jackets and aviation tyres.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
(Original Jurisdiction)
In the matter of the Companies Act, 1956
And In the matter of
M/s Indiaontime Express Private Limited
Co.P. 206/2014

Between:
M/s. Robemall Apparel Private Limited
No. 252, 14th A Cross Road,
Yelahanka New Town, Yelahanka,
Bangalore, Karnataka – 560064
And represented herein by its Director
Mr. Krishnan Narayanswamy
...Petitioner

And: M/s Indiaontime Express Private Limited, Having its registered office at: #81, SS Commercial Zone, Nagavarapalya, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bengaluru-560093. And represented herein by its Managing Director
...Respondent

NOTICE OF WINDING-UP ORDER

By an order made by the High Court at Karnataka, Bengaluru, in the above matter, dated the 27th day of September 2022 it was ordered that the above named company be wound-up under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956.

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court, this 27th day of September, 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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Advocate for Petitioner
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. Shankar Narayan**, S/o. Subramani.S, Aged about 32 years, Residing at No. 3486, 6th Cross, Gayathri Nagar, Bangalore- 560021 intends to purchase the residential property bearing Old No.901, New No.1171/A, earlier BBMP Ward No.24 now 97, present Muncilpal No.27, PID No.24-13-27,situated at 4th Cross, Srirampura Bangalore, measuring East to West 26 Sq.ft, North to South 43 Sq.ft, totally measuring 1118 Sq.ft more fully described in the schedule and hereinafter referred to as the schedule property from its owner Smt. Rathna Srinivasa, W/o. Late. Srinivasa.V.

Any person/s having/asserting any right, title or interest/claims or Intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may lodge their objections along with relevant documents in support of their claim with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication. It is to be noted that any objections and claims received after the expiry of the above mentioned period will not be entertained and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Old No.901, New No. 1171/A, earlier BBMP Ward No.24 now 97, present Muncilpal No.27, PID No. 24-13-27, situated at 4th Cross, Srirampura Bangalore, measuring East to West 26 Sq.ft, North to South 43 Sq.ft, totally measuring 1118 Sq.ft along with Three Upstairs building & bounded on the:

East by: Site No.900 belongs to Smt. Deviramma;
West by: 4 Feet passage;
North by : 4th Cross &
South by: 2 Feet Passage

Devaraju.R, (Advocate)
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No: AMD/APMC/H.B Halli /DW/Tender/628/2022-23 **Date: 28.11.2022**

Brief e-tender notification

The Hagaribommanahalli Agricultural Produce Market Committee hereby invites competitive item-wise tenders in double-envelopes as per the Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Act 1999 Rules 2020 through e-tender system as per Standard Tender Document Rules 2020 from qualified contractors registered with the Public Works Department, Government of Karnataka to procure the following development works works. E-tendering is invited on the website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and tenders should be submitted on time as per the rules. **Name of work: 04 No. package works under Annual Action Plan of Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee, Hagaribommanahalli for the year 2022-23,**1) Demolition and reconstruction of the roof of the administrative office in the main market Yard and other improvements and electrification work,2)Construction of two number shops on ground floor and two number shops on first floor with stair case next to Raitha Bhavan converted shops in main market Yard and electrification of shops,3) Construction of compound wall in Tambrahalli sub market Yard,4) De-roofing and reconstruction of 06 small shops on the right side of the gate in the main market Yard and other improvements and electrification of the shops. **Tendered amount.(in lakhs):** 59,95,312. **Advance Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.):** 1,19,906. **Time period to complete the work.(except rainy season):** 5 1/2 Months. **Category of contractor:** PWD of Karnataka Grade III and above are registered civil contractors in that department

The schedule dates are fixed as follows.
1. Last date of receipt of filled tender: **15/12/2022 in the evening 4.00 PM**
2. Technical Bid Opening Date: **19/12/2022 in the evening 4.30 PM**
3. Financial Bid Opening Date: **26/12/2022 in the evening 4.30 PM**

E.M.D. Payment of money in any mode as prescribed in e-procurement portal and copy thereof submitted with tender documents.

For tender terms and conditions, during office hours of the committee excluding holidays, further information may be obtained from Secretary, Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Hagaribommanahalli Tel: 08397-238248 or e-Procurement Helpline: 080-25501216, 080-25501227. Any amendment will be published on the above website.

Sd/- (Sakrihalli Manjunatha), Secretary, APMC H.B.Halli **DIPR/Vijayanagar/264/MCA/2022-23** **Sd/- (V. Kartika), Administrators,APMC H.B.Halli.**

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ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸನ್ 2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/CPWD/HDMC/ ಇತರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

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ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ : (1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **14/12/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **15/12/2022** ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 05.35 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **22/12/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 4.35 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

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ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಧಾರವಾಡ), ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

CAMARADERIE

Fernandes believed Ronaldo had scored first goal against Uruguay

Bruno Fernandes said he thought Cristiano Ronaldo had scored Portugal's opener. "I celebrated as if it had been Cristiano's goal, it seemed to me that he had touched the ball, my aim was to cross the ball for him. What's important is that we were able to go to the next round," said Fernandes.

CARRYING ON

Pepe becomes third oldest World Cup outfield player

Centre-back Pepe became the third oldest outfield player in World Cup history after he started for Portugal against Uruguay on Monday. Cameroon's Roger Milla remains the oldest aged 42 while playing in USA 1994, while Canada's Atiba Hutchinson (39), playing in this tournament, is also older than Pepe by a couple of weeks.

BIG BLOW

Neymar to miss Brazil's final group game against Cameroon

Neymar will miss Brazil's last group game against Cameroon because of his right ankle injury, the team doctor Rodrigo Lasmar said on Tuesday. Lasmar said Neymar also had a fever on Monday, which "was under control" and would not affect his ankle treatment.

BEARING THE BRUNT

World Cup frenzy puts strain on Qatar's 'Ships of the Desert'

Qatar's camels are working overtime, given the stream of fans for the month-long World Cup. 'Riding a camel on the rolling dunes', is the fans' ideal Instagram moment. Camel handlers are cashing in on the opportunity, making several times more money than they normally would.

Senegal shatters Ecuadorian hearts

The dogged Ismaila converts from the spot for the opener after being chopped down by Piero Hincapie; Ecuador battles back through Caicedo's goal before Koulibaly drives the knife in further with a strike from close range; Netherlands coasts past Qatar to top Group A

FIFA WORLD CUP

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

The drums rolled, the fans danced, and their team absorbed their energy and expended it on the field. In the end, Senegal managed to rattle Ecuador with its two goals to the latter's one and book a berth in the World Cup's round of 16.

Coach Aliou Cisse, a Senegal legend and now Snoop Dogg lookalike, used the speed of Iliman Ndiaye and Ismaila Sarr in the wings to regularly move beyond the highline that Ecuador maintained. Sarr was dogged and the goal came when Piero Hincapie brought the Senegal winger down like a farmer running his sickle through the wheat crop.

Moments were lost as Senegal, missing its regular penalty-taker Sadio Mane, had a mid-pitch dispute to settle the choice for the important task. Sarr was entrusted and he kept his cool to sweep it beyond Hernan Galindez.

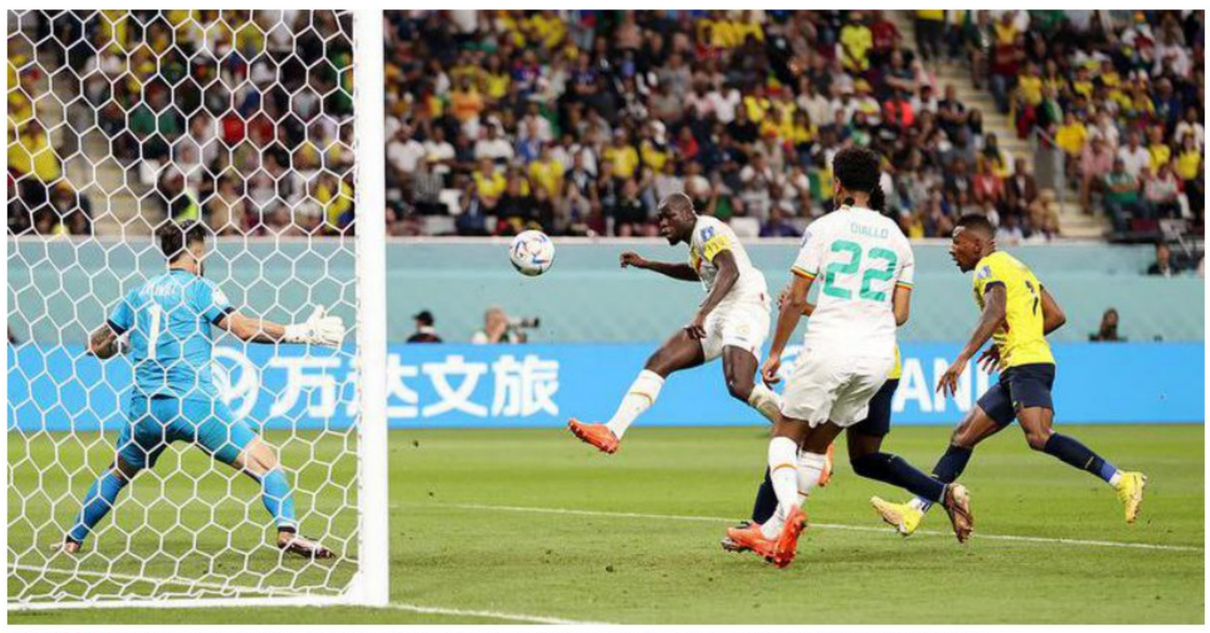
Senegal dominated throughout and should have been ahead by the third minute as Idrissa Gueye found a gaping hole in the Ecuadorian defence, but he failed to keep his shot on target. It was Boulaye Dia who dragged the next one wide after Gueye had scurried inside the box.

Ecuador, though, found its equaliser as Moises Caicedo was rather fortunate for a flick from a corner to land on his feet and Youssouf Sabaly on the goal-line playing him onside. Goalkeeper Edouard Mendy could just be another onlooker as Caicedo rolled in the goal.

The Senegalese reaction was instant, and its lead was re-secured two minutes later. A free kick from the right bounced off Hincapie, and skipper Kalidou Koulibaly thumped his team back in the lead with a swat of the right boot.

Koulibaly's armband was an homage to Papa Boupa Diop, the scorer of Senegal's winning goal over defending champion France in Korea-Japan, who had passed away in 2020. And the team of 2022 paid him the perfect tribute by moving into the knockouts like the class of 2002.

Meanwhile, Cody Gakpo netted his third goal in three games as the Netherlands comfortably beat hosts Qatar 2-0 at the Al Bayt Stadium to secure top spot in Group A.



Point-blank: Senegal skipper Koulibaly fires home the winner and sends his team into the knockouts. GETTY IMAGES

The results:
Group A: Ecuador 1 (Caicedo 67) lost to Senegal 2 (Ismaila 44-pen, Koulibaly 70).
Netherlands 2 (Gakpo 26, De Jong 49) bt Qatar 0.

Final Group A Standings

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Netherlands (Q)	3	2	1	0	4	7
Senegal (Q)	3	2	0	1	1	6
Ecuador	3	1	1	1	1	4
Qatar	3	0	0	3	-6	0

Q: QUALIFIED

Portugal enters the knockout phase

Agence France-Presse
DOHA

Bruno Fernandes scored twice to give Portugal a 2-0 victory over Uruguay on Monday and send it into the knockout stages alongside France and Brazil.

Portugal dominated the first half, but the main drama came after the break. Fernandes created space for himself on the left and curled an inswinging cross into the mixer, with Ronaldo breaking the offside trap to attempt a glancing header.

As the ball nestled in the goal, Ronaldo wheeled away in celebration but FIFA decided he had not touched the ball.

Uruguay coach Diego Alonso threw on forwards Maxi Gomez and Luis Suarez as the South Americans belatedly began to exert some pressure, and both came close to an equaliser.

Gomez's rasping drive from 20 yards came back off the post with Costa beaten, while Suarez hit the side netting from close range. With the 90 minutes almost up, Fernandes nutmegged Jose Maria Gimenez, whose trailing hand diverted the ball away from the midfielder and prevented him from finding himself one-on-one with Rochet.

Iranian referee Alireza Faghani awarded the spot-kick after a VAR check and Fernandes sent Rochet the wrong way.

The result:
Group H: Portugal 2 (Fernandes 84, 90+3-pen) bt Uruguay 0.

Group H

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Portugal (Q)	2	2	0	0	3	6
Ghana	2	1	0	1	0	3
South Korea	2	0	1	1	-1	1
Uruguay	2	0	1	1	-2	1

Q: QUALIFIED

REMAINING FIXTURES:
DEC. 2: **Ghana** *vs* **Uruguay; South Korea** *vs* **Portugal**

Argentina chases a win; only an upset will deny France top spot in group

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

88,966 pairs of eyes transfixed on one player, a record World Cup crowd in 28 years at the Lusail Stadium followed Lionel Messi's every manoeuvre. And Messi, looking to rediscover the euphoria that usually his game brings, suddenly was up from his stupor, scoring and then assisting to restart Argentina's World Cup ride.

But a win against Poland is still needed and draw, too, could be enough if Mexico and Saudi Arabia also end in a deadlock. "We haven't done anything yet. A slip-up like the one the other day can tarnish anything," said Argentine manager Lionel Scaloni, aware of the danger the Poles possess.

A big win might ensure a top spot in Group C and keep France away from Argentina's path in the round of 16. Two Kylian Mbappe strikes had helped *Les Bleus* to down *La Albiceleste* 4-3 in the same stage four years back.

A draw will see an efficient Poland through. And the Argentines, who were breached by the quick movements of Saudi Arabia in the first match, must be extra cautious while dealing with Robert Lewandoski, the new Barcelona fulcrum.

The orchestrator: Argentina will need Messi to come up with another magical performance to ensure its progress. GETTY IMAGES

The presence of Dutchman Pol van Boekel, who ruled out three Argentine goals for offside against the Saudis, in the VAR console will be another worry as Poland is expected to maintain a similar highline.

Saudi Arabia can become the first team from the host continent to make it to the knockouts if it wins against Mexico, a draw will also suffice if Poland beats Argentina and sends Messi home early.

An Argentine win and a draw for Saudi will bring goal difference in play for Poland (4 points, +2 goal difference) and the Asian giant (3 points and -1 goal difference), but Mexico must win to harbour any hopes of adding to its record of making it past the group stage in the past seven World Cups.

In Group D, France is already through and only a loss to Tunisia and an Australian win over Denmark will take away its top spot. A reinvented Antoine Griezmann, playing in a deeper role, has been a marker and a carrier forward, Didier Deschamps's excellent answer to the missing pieces of Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante.

Only a win will keep Tunisia in contention, and even then, it'll need Denmark to at least get a draw against the Aussies. It the other game, the Danes will need a win, while a draw might be enough for Australia unless of course the Tunisians shock the French.

TODAY'S FIESTA

FIFA World Cup 2022
Saudi Arabia v Mexico
Group C, November 30
Lusail Stadium
51 FIFA rank 13
KSA 2-1 ARG Match 1 MEX 0-0 POL
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HEAD-TO-HEAD
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1999 Mexico 5-1 S. Arabia
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WORLD CUP RECORD
4 Wins 16
2 Draws 15
12 Losses 28
0.72 Goals for* 1.02
2.33 Goals against* 1.69
*Per match
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KICK-OFF: 12.30 A.M. (Thu)

I can hit a golf ball, but I cannot walk: Woods

HERO CHALLENGE

Ashwin Achal
NASSAU

Tiger Woods made the tough decision to withdraw from the Hero World Challenge (HWC) here. Woods, who has not played a tour event since the Open Championship in July, will continue to serve as the host of the HWC.

A foot injury (plantar fasciitis) has forced Woods to pull out.

Speaking to the media here, Woods said, "It was a tough decision. I want to play. I can hit the golf ball, but I cannot walk. I've had a few setbacks over the years that I've been able to play through. But with this one, I just cannot. As I walked more, the worst it got. Only time and treatment can heal me."

Woods, 46, spoke at length about the split in the golf world caused by LIV Golf. Woods explained that a peaceful solution is possible, provided LIV Golf CEO Greg Norman exits the stage.

"There is an opportunity if both organisations put a stay on the litigations. There is no willingness to negotiate if there is a litigation issue. And first of all, Greg has to go. Then we can talk freely," Woods said.

Woods admitted that the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) system used by the PGA Tour is flawed and needs improvement.

"The OWGR is a flawed system. That's something we all recognise. The field at Dubai (DP World Tour Championship) got less points than Sea Island, and more of the top players were there in Dubai. How do you fix it? The main tours that are involved have to come up with a better system than what is in place now," Woods said.

LIV Golf offers tremendous financial reward to the players, but Woods explained that the PGA Tour boasts of a proven legacy.

"We cannot compete dollar for dollar with LIV Golf. But what we can do is talk about better opportunities for younger players getting onto the Tour, what it means to play on the Tour, and how important it is to have a legacy and be able to win major championships. They (players who have switched to LIV Golf) are taking a chance of never ever, ever getting a chance to play in major championships. So where does your legacy stand?

"Players who switched to LIV Golf might say 'I went on the Tour and made a lot of money, but I never got to win any tournaments that are of value that would put me in the Hall of Fame'. You want to compare yourself to (Ben) Hogan, (Sam) Snead, and (Jack) Nicklaus. You can't do that over there, but you can on this Tour." Woods said.

No clubbing: Woods, seen with Hero MotoCorp's Pawan Munjal, will only be involved as a host. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

History in Karnataka's favour as it takes on Saurashtra

It will be a battle of the big-hitters as Ruturaj and Riyan line up on either side in the other semifinal between Maharashtra and Assam

HAZARE TROPHY

Amol Karhadkar
AHMEDABAD

For the third time in five days, Karnataka will enter the gigantic Narendra Modi Stadium hoping to register a hat-trick of wins and progress to a fifth Vijay Hazare Trophy final.

Standing in its way is Jaydev Unadkat's Saurashtra.

Saurashtra enjoyed overwhelming local support during the quarterfinal victory over Tamil Nadu in Nadiad on Monday. Should a handful of Amdavadis turn up at Motera, the story will be no different on Wednesday.

However, Saurashtra will know that crowd support will not be enough for it to keep its quest of a maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy title alive. It has lost its last three encounters against Karnataka, including the 2017-18 final.

Encore! Saurashtra will be hoping for another all-round effort from Chirag Jani, right. M. VEDHAN

For Karnataka, R. Samarth has found his touch with successive fifties in the knockouts, captain Mayank Agarwal and stalwart Manish Pandey are yet to live up to their reputation.

At the NMS 'B' ground, Maharashtra and Assam will again bank on its star batters to sizzle.

The competition between Ruturaj Gaikwad, whose unbeaten 220 set up victory against Uttar Pradesh at the same venue, and Riyan Parag, whose 174 helped the side overhaul the 351-run target set by J & K at the Gujarat College ground, could well decide the outcome.

India will hope for a rain-free final ODI

INDIA IN NZ

Press Trust of India
CHRISTCHURCH

Frustrated by the weather, a desperate Indian team will pray for a rain-free final ODI against New Zealand in its bid to square the series. Scattered showers are forecast. With the series on the line, Shikhar Dhawan and his men will have to really apply themselves at the Hagley Oval, which has traditionally helped seam bowlers and has an average score in the 230 range.

India's first PowerPlay batting has been much talked about and skipper Dhawan knows a sea change in approach is urgently required. Shubman Gill has shown intent in shot selection with scores of 50 and 45 not out, so has Suryakumar Yadav, who is in an incredible vein of form.

The teams (from):
India: Shikhar Dhawan (Capt.), Shubman Gill, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant (wk), Sanju Samson (wk), Deepak Hooda, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Deepak Chahar, Arshdeep Singh, Shardul Thakur and Umran Malik.
New Zealand: Kane Williamson (Capt.), Finn Allen, Devon Conway, Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Glenn Phillips, Michael Bracewell, Tim Southee, Matt Henry, Adam Milne, Jimmy Neesham, Mitchell Santner and Lockie Ferguson.
Match starts at 7 a.m. IST.

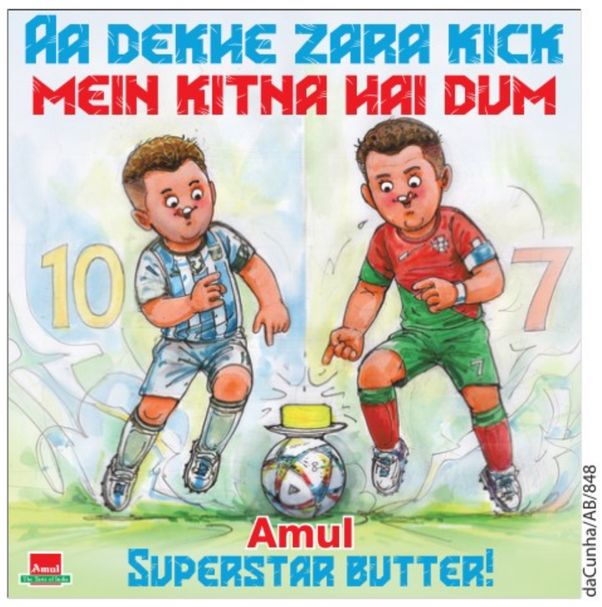
Need for speed: Gill, who has had decent scores, will be crucial in India's scheme of things. GETTY IMAGES

Thumping win for India u-19

Sports Bureau
MUMBAI

The India under-19 women's team defeated New Zealand under-19 by 110 runs in the second T20 here on Tuesday.

The scores: India under-19 176/6 in 20 overs (G. Trisha 36, Shweta Sehrawat 34, Soumya Tiwari 31, Amie Hucker 2/33, Kayley Knight 2/28) bt New Zealand under-19 66 in 15 overs (Hurley Gala 3/18, Archana Devi 3/15, Mannat Kashyap 2/2).



daCunha/AB/848

India-A takes opening day's honours

Press Trust of India
COX'S BAZAR (BANGLADESH)

The pace-spin combo of Navdeep Saini and Saurabh Kumar impressed as India-A grabbed the opening-day honours against Bangladesh-A in the first 'Test' here on Tuesday.

Opting to field, Saini (three for 21), Saurabh (four for 23) and Mukesh Kumar (two for 25) helped India-A bundle out Bangladesh-A for 112 in 45 overs. In reply, the visitors finished the day strongly at 120 for no loss.

Yashasvi Jaiswal and skipper Abhimanyu Easwaran were looking good on 61 and 53.

The scores: Bangladesh-A 112 in 45 overs (Mosaddek Hossain 63; Navdeep Saini 3/21, Saurabh Kumar 4/23) vs India-A 120/0 in 36 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 61 batting, Abhimanyu Easwaran 53 batting).

LIVE TELECAST

New Zealand vs India: 3rd ODI, Prime Video, 7 a.m.

Australia vs West Indies: 1st Test, day 1, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.50 a.m.

Vijay Hazare Trophy: (semifinals): Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9 a.m.

Hockey: India vs Australia, SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 2 p.m.

Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan: 3rd ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

FIFA World Cup 2022: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

INBRIEF

Parteek's performance helps Giants end Paltan's streak

Parteek Dahiya (19 points) powered Gujarat Giants to a 51-39 victory over Puneri Paltan in the Pro Kabaddi League at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad on Tuesday. Giants' victory broke Paltan's five-match winning streak for Paltan. The teams went into the break with Paltan leading 22-21 before Parteek and Giants turned it around in the second.

Naresh, Arjun star in Jain University's triumph

Inspiring play by Naresh (13) and Arjun (13), helped Jain University, Bangalore register a 54-37 win over Loyola College, Chennai, in the final and helped it clinch the title in the Challengers Cup inter-State degree colleges basketball tournament in Mysuru recently.

Delhi gets the better of Uttarakhand, makes quarters

Prince Tyagi (39) and Manik Ohlyan (22) did the bulk of scoring in helping Delhi to a 104-81 victory over Uttarakhand in a Group C league match of the 72nd National basketball championship at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Stadium in Udaipur on Tuesday. Delhi made the quarterfinals along with Tamil Nadu, Railways, Haryana, Punjab, Services, Kerala and Telangana.

In the women's section, Railways, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Maharahstra made the quarterfinals.

Select results: Men: Group A: Telangana 80 (Nathan 20, M Raju 16, Gowtam 12) bt Maharashtra 71 (Sayyed 20, Navin 14, Raj Kalbhor 14).
Group B: Services 94 (Mandeep Singh 16, Akhilesh Kumar 14, Ajay Singh 11, Magipal Singh 11) bt Kerala 70 (Sajesh 16, Sejin Mathew 13, Shanaz Muhammed 12, Rahul Sharath 12).

Group C:
Delhi 104 (Prince Tyagi 39, Manik Ohlyan 22, Abhishek Tyagi 12) bt Uttarakhand 81 (Prashanth Rawat 25, Arjun Singh 18, Keshar Singh 17, Amandeep 11).
Women: Group A: Railways 109 (M Pushpa 18, Madhu Kumari 12, NIsha Sharma 12, Dharshini 10, Navaneeta 10, Poonam Chaturvedi 10) bt Karnataka 52 (Varsha Nandini 14, Pavani Sangwan 11).

BENGALURU ROUND UP

All-round show by Mohammad Rayan

Mohammad Rayan's all-round effort (5/34 & 30 n.o.) was instrumental in Young Lions Club's three-wicket win over Bangalore Occasionals in the pre-quarterfinals of the KSCA (Group I) under-14 inter-club tournament.

The scores (pre-quarterfinals):
Bangalore Occasionals 158 in 41 overs (C. Barath 41, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 58, Mohammad Rayan 5/34, Arjun Aravind Potti 3/15) lost to Young Lions Club 159/7 in 39.5 overs (Naitik Aswani 29, R. Nithin 29, Mohammad Rayan 30 n.o., Saksham Shanker Vishnoi 3/21).
Jupiter CA 82 in 33.1 overs (Aadrith 27, Khush Kothari 3/15, J. Sukruth 3/16) lost to Swastic Union (2) 85/2 in 20.3 overs (M. Assad 37 n.o.).
Social Cricketers 239/6 in 50 overs (R. Rathin Sanjay 84, R.A. Sriee Krish 69) bt Coles 157 in 42.5 overs (M. Rushil Ram 38, Vismay Raj 29, Chetan Rangraj 3/24).
Bangalore SC 324/7 in 50 overs (G. Aravind 134, Rajarshi Mitra 95, Kaustubh Gupta 30, Eshan Manigandan 3/53) bt Wilson Garden 183/5 in 50 overs (Arsh 33, Shankargouda Sidaraddi 80, Purab Soni 30).
Hammonds 170 in 49.4 overs (Dhruv Santhosh Rao 45, Aalapkrishna Manikandan 27, M. Tejas 44) lost to Mount Joy 171/5 in 31.2 overs (J. Kishan 40, Syaamantak Anirudh 81, M. Tejas 3/28).
Dooravani Cricketers (1) 290/6 in 50 overs (Harshit Pai 118, K. Gagan Sai 102, A.G. Gurucharan 3/50) bt Swastic Union CC (1) 96 in 37.3 overs.
Vijaya 233 in 50 overs (Anvay Dravid 111, Shaurya Murali Ramanath 32, M.K. Aryan 4/51, Krushna V. Rao 4/38) lost to Vultures 236/7 in 48.4 overs (Udgeet S. Nandan 39, M. Jayan Samyog 44, S.P. Banesh 37, Dheeganth S. Mavinkere 33 n.o.).
FUCC (1) 260/7 in 50 overs (Rithvik Kulasekar 112, Dhruv Modhe 50, Dhruv Mohan 27 n.o., H. Dhruv Acharya 4/40) bt Sir Syed Cricketers 182 in 44.2 overs (Charvik 56, A.C. Aryan 39, H. Dhruv Acharya 26, Dhruv Mohan 4/35).

Harsh nets FC Deccan's winner

Harsh S. Utekar's 81st-minute strike proved the difference as FC Deccan edged Bangalore Dream United 1-0 in the BDFA Super Division League football on Tuesday.

The results: Bangalore Independents FC 3 (Raja Ganapathy 4, K. Sujithkumar 35, U.K. Surya 81) bt Young Challengers FC 1 (Deepak 59); FC Deccan 1 (Harsh S. Utekar 81) bt Bangalore Dream United FC 0; Thanco's Students Union FC 3 (Mrinal Muthunna 4, Shantanu Ningurkar 81, G. Udit 86) bt BUFC 0.

Hat-trick by Mohammed Ashou

C.H. Mohammed Ashou scored a hat-trick as DPS East blanked Sahyadri, Shivamogga 7-0 in the KSHA C-division hockey league here on Tuesday.

The scores: Blue Star 8 (Sri Harsha 7, 51, Jagadish 25, 39, Sundar Raj 32, 55, M. Dhanush 35, K.M. Pavan Kumar 58) bt East India 1 (Ameen 59); DPS East 7 (Mohammed Siyas 17, Shahnul 22, 48, C.H. Mohammed Ashou 45, 50, 51, Navas 54) bt Sahyadri, Shivamogga 0.

Hockey trials

Hockey Karnataka will conduct trials on Dec. 2 at the Hockey Stadium to select the State women's under-18 team for the Khelo India Youth Games qualifiers to be held in Bhubaneswar from Dec. 20 to 30. Those born on or after Jan. 1, 2004 are eligible.

Rapid challenge tournament

Champions Chess Academy will conduct a rapid challenge tournament for U-10 and U-16 categories on Dec. 11. For details, call: Balakrishna Prabhu: 9845466416.

Dzagnidze emerges early leader

P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOLKATA

She was on 9/9 in Chennai. Just three months later, in another Indian city, Poland's Oliwia Kiolbasa is on 0/3. Sport is like that, of course, as the footballers of Argentina and Germany would also testify.

If the woman who stunned the world at the Chess Olympiad in August lost all her games on the opening day of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament, another won all hers. Nana Dzagnidze of Georgia emerged as the early leader on the opening day of the inaugural edition of the women's event here on Tuesday.

Kiolbasa was, in fact, one of her victims. Her other wins came against Indians B. Savitha Shri and R. Vaishali. The host's best bet, Koneru Humpy, had a fairly good day, on which she faced a Ukrainian in every game. The score read Humpy 2 Ukraine 1.

The former World rapid champion from Vijayawada scored an important win against Anna Muzychuk, drew with her younger sister Mariya and Anna Ushenina. With two points, she is among the four players in the second position.

The open event also has a leader with a perfect score in Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan. Following him a point behind is the Indian duo of Arjun Erigaisi, the defending champion, and Nihal Sarin.

The results (third round):

Open: Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb) 1.5 bt Hikaru Nakamura (US) 0.5; Vidit Gujrathi 1 lost to Nihal Sarin 2; D. Gukesh 1.5 drew with Arjun Erigaisi 2; S.P. Sethuraman 0.5 lost to Parham Maghsoodloo (Ira) 1.5; Wesley So (US) 1.5 lost to Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze) 3.

Women: Mariya Muzychuk (Ukr) 2 drew with Koneru Humpy 2; B. Savitha Shri 0.5 drew with Anna Muzychuk (Ukr) 1; R. Vaishali 1.5 bt Vantika Agrawal 1; Oliwia Kiolbasa (Pol) 0 lost to Nana Dzagnidze (Geo) 3; Anna Ushenina (Ukraine) 2 drew with Dronavalli Harika 2.

BCCI serves conflict of interest notice on Binny

Sports Bureau

Roger Binny, the recently-elected president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), has been asked by the BCCI Ethics Officer to explain his alleged conflict of interest while serving the post.

Vineet Saran, the ethics officer, has sought Binny's explanation in the form of a written affidavit by Dec. 20, following a complaint by Sanjeev Gupta, a cricket enthusiast who has resigned as life member of the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association.

In contravention

Soon after Binny took over as only the third Test cricketer to be the elected BCCI president in October, Gupta had pointed to Binny's daughter-in-law Mayanti Langer, an employee of the BCCI's broadcast partner, being in contravention to BCCI's conflict of interest regulation.

Taking cognisance of the complaint, Saran, on Nov. 21, issued a notice on Binny. Mayanti, wife of Binny's son Stuart – also a Test cricketer – is a presenter with Star India network.

Star holds broadcast rights for international cricket in India and television rights for the Indian Premier League.

A sign of good health or a warning, as cricket seeks a balance

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Few sports have gone through as many existential crises as cricket. "Is this the end of the game as we know it?" has been asked by nearly every generation. Cricket's elegiac character is as striking as its joyful one. Perhaps each exists to highlight the other.

The worst trouble of modern cricket is that players play too much; our best men will be permanent stale, irritable and below form. That isn't from a contemporary source. The great English all-rounder Walter Hammond said that seven decades ago.

A hard utilitarianism and commercialisation have far too long controlled the game. Again, not a recent comment, but an observation by the essayist E.V. Lucas in 1907. Perhaps history advances through commerce. Cricket has often been on the edge but survived each time.

Survey results

A recent survey by the Federation of International Cricketers Associations (FICA) shows that 40% of the world's top T20 players are free agents, 42% have both national and domestic contracts and play at least one overseas T20. The remaining 18% are mostly players from India who do not play in overseas T20 leagues. FICA surveyed 400 players from 11 countries, but not from India and Pakistan who do not have players' associations. That might have skewed the result slightly, but in essence it puts a figure on what many feel instinctively.

Players dropping formats or opting out of central contracts is becoming commonplace. Ben Stokes (ODI), Quentin de Kock (Tests), Trent Boult (central contract) are only some of the prominent names. Will Smeed, 21, the first to score a century in The Hundred has decided he won't play First Class cricket but focus on white-ball formats instead.

It is one thing for specialists from teams that don't get to play a lot of red-ball cricket to decide their future is with the white. Players like Afghanistan's Mohammed Nabi, Rashid Khan and Mujeebur Rehman see domestic T20 cricket as the highest level in which to perform. But increasingly players from other teams are opting to go that way too. The money is good, there's the chance to rub shoulders with the best. Players get to spend more time with family as they earn more for fewer days of action.

The same FICA survey also shows that 74% value Test cricket as the summit of the game. Most want to play Tests if a way could be found to balance that with T20 tournaments.

Once players see cricket as a job, you cannot hold it against them for opting for what suits them best. By keeping their players out of other T20 franchises, the Board of Control for Cricket in India has probably done them a favour. But if someone believes turning his back on Test cricket is a better choice personally, then he should have the freedom to play wherever he wants.

If you prefer advertisement jingles to classical music, or pulp fiction to literature, or (to adapt an example from Ramachandra Guha), country liquor to Scotch whiskey, then so be it.

It is easy to put it down to individual greed, but there's corporate (television) and administrative greed too that is beginning to turn the cricket world upside down. The International Cricket Council's call for a major global event every year till 2031 diminishes both the value of World Cups and spectator interest.

No time to celebrate

Within days of winning the World T20, England toured Australia for a one-day series (Melbourne filled only a tenth of its stadium) that has been characterised as a 'contractual obligation ODI'. Now they are in Pakistan. There has been no time to celebrate!

Meanwhile, there is an offer of £400 million for a 75% stake in The Hundred, which could mean a few million for struggling counties in England. Two new T20 tournaments, in South Africa and the UAE, are to be held in January.

You can either see all this as proof that cricket is in rude health, or a warning that something is likely to give way under all that excess. Finding the balance is the key. If co-existence is the objective (as it should be), some unselfish decisions will have to be made soon.

Fletcher's strike gives Neroca win against Kenkre

Sports Bureau

Jourdaine Fletcher struck in the 57th minute as Neroca defeated Kenkre 1-0 in their I-League contest at the Cooperage Ground in Mumbai on Tuesday.

It was Neroca's second win in four matches (six points) while Kenkre remained at four points in four games.